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PERFORMANCE GAP/ ACTIVITY NEED: Chronic facial weakness has both physical and psychological implications, with negative effects on socialization and emotional well-being. Facial disfigurement can cause psychosocial distress resulting in decreased quality of life and increased risk for depression and anxiety. Patients may suffer from poor self-confidence, phobic avoidance, and social isolation (Source: UpToDate]. Patients with facial paralysis experience bias from observers that can be corrected with medical and surgical intervention.

DESIRED OUTCOMES: At the end of the activity, attendees will be able to:

- critically assess patients with facial paralysis to identify functional deficits.
- recognize bias associated with observers who analyze patients with facial paralysis and the psychosocial implications of this.
- differentiate between medical and surgical candidates for facial reanimation.