#### Orofacial Pain: Diagnosis & Management Clarifying the issues





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#### **UNC Pain Center – Primary Pain Complaints**

#### **Body Region**

■ Head, face, and neck 43%

■ Back, lower extremities 23%

■ Other 34%

#### **Prevalence Rate of Facial Pain**

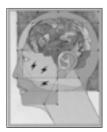
Per 100,000

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Toothache	12,361
Oral Ulcer	8,392
TM Joint	5,289
Face Pain	1,415
Burning Mouth	707

Lipton, Ship, Larach-Robinson JADA 124:115, 1993

#### **Orofacial Pain**



22% of population suffered from orofacial pain more than once in the previous 6 months.

Lipton, Shipp, Larach-Robinson JADA 124:115, 1993

## Categories of Common Orofacial Pain Conditions

Somatic (nociceptive pain)

-local (oral/perioral) tissue injury / inflammation

Musculoskeletal

-TMD

Neuropathic orofacial pain

- -neuralgias
- -deafferentation
- -dysesthesia

Headache

- -migraine
- -tension-type



#### Chief concern

- -bitemporal headache (frequent)
- -clicking and pain with jaw function
- -severe throbbing headache (occasional)

-fatigue



What is/are the diagnosis(es)
How should I treat this patient?

What factors are important in this case?

#### **Patient Evaluation**

#### Data collection

- √ Chief concern(s)
- √ History of chief concern(s)
- ✓ Past medical/dental history
- ✓ Review of systems
- √ Physical examination
- √ Additional studies if indicated
- √ Differential diagnosis

#### **Acute Pain Characteristics**

- Protective mechanism
- Sudden onset
- Limited duration
- Patients usually show anxiety
- No persisting psychologic reactions
- Responds well to traditional therapy



## Quality may suggest mechanism(s)



#### **ORIGINS OF PAIN**

Musculoskeletal- dull, aching stiff, sore

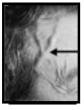
- > Myofascial pain
- ➤ Myalgia
- > Tension-type headache
- > Arthrosis/arthritis



#### **ORIGINS OF PAIN**

Vascular- throbbing, pounding

- ➤ Migraine
- ➤ Temporal arteritis
- **≻**Inflammation
- **≻**Hypertension



#### ORIGINS OF PAIN

Neuropathic- sharp, burning, tingling, numb

- > Neuralgia
- > Neuropathy
- ➤ Entrapment
- ➤ Vascular compromise



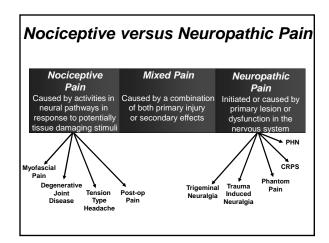
Psychogenic- bizarre, vague, migrating

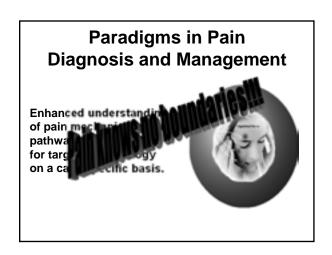
- > Rare
- > Somatoform disorder
- > Must consider:
  - > fibromyalgia
  - > systemic disease











#### **Chronic Pain Characteristics**

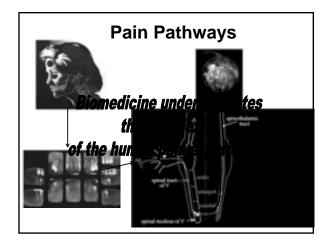
- Has no useful purpose
- Occurs after acute phase
- Not self-limiting; appears permanent
- Invariably accompanied by psychologic changes in behavior
- May be refractory to traditional forms of therapy



#### **Chronic Pain in the United States**

- 57% suffered from chronic or recurrent pain in last year
- Small variation between age groups
- 4 of 10 chronic pain sufferers reported significant life adjustments
- 76% impacted by pain

Research America! September 4, 2003

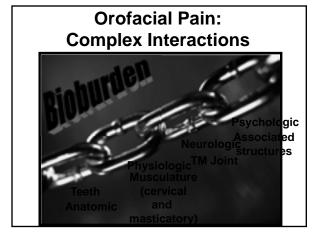


#### **Orofacial Pain Diagnosis**

Confounding factors

"Shared neurologic circuitry of the head and neck make the etiology (true location) of pain difficulty to diagnose."

Sessle BJ, et al. Pain 27:219-236,1986



#### **Differential Diagnosis**

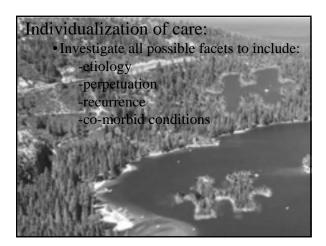
The systematic consideration of the patient's signs and symptoms in order to distinguish one disease from another.



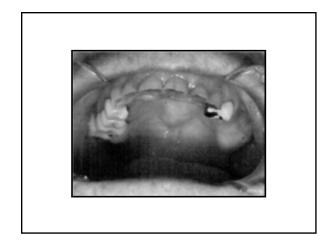
#### **Differential Diagnosis**

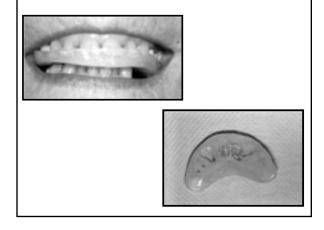
- Teeth
- Glandular
- Vascular
- Neurogenous
- Myogenous
- Arthrogenous
- Paranasal sinuses
- Otologic









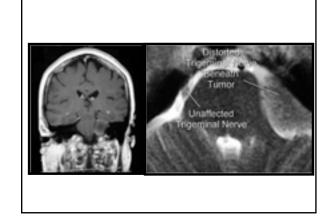


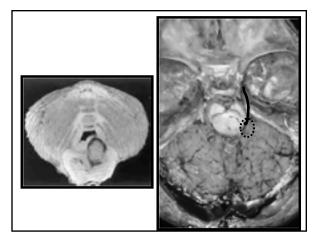


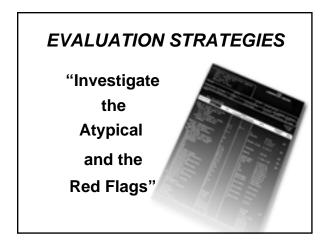
#### **NEOPLASM**

- Neoplasms can be the cause of refractory chronic pain
- Mass in posterior fossa as a trigger for trigeminovascular system and upper cervical afferents resulting in secondary chronic headaches

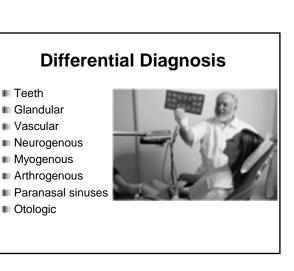
Bigal ME, Rapoport AM, Camel M. Cephalalgia 2002 Mar; 23(2): 124-8







#### **WORRISOME HEADACHE RED FLAGS** "SNOOP" Systemic symptoms (fever, weight loss) or Secondary risk factors (HIV, systemic cancer) Neurologic deficits lateralizing to side of pain or abnormal signs (confusion, impaired alertness, or consciousness) nset: sudden, abrupt, or split-second Older: new onset and progressive headache, especially in middle-age >50 (giant cell arteritis) Previous headache history: first headache or different (change in attack frequency, severity, or clinical features)



Teeth

#### **Patient: Betty**

- ■51 year old Caucasian female
- Medical history significant for:
  - left temporomandibular surgery X2
  - -hypothyroidism

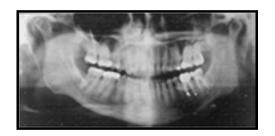


#### **Patient: Betty**

- Chief pain concern:
  - -"I have pain in my jaw and throat when I eat. The pain radiates to my ear. It feels like a toothache."







#### **Patient: Betty**

- Aggravating factors:
  - -chewing and drinking
  - -certain aromas
- Alleviating/relieving factors:
  - -none identified

#### **Major Salivary Glands**

Parotid gland -pure serous

Submandibular gland -primarily serous

Sublingual gland -primarily mucous



#### Interruption in Glandular Flow

- · Viral infections
- Bacterial infections
- Sialolithiasis
- Neoplasms
- Trauma

#### **Obstructions**

- · Mucous plug
- Stones
  - hydroxyapatite
  - trace magnesium carbonate
  - trace ammonia
  - organic matrix (amino acids / carbohydrates)

#### **Sialolithiasis**

- Most common obstruction
- Primarily affects submandibular gland

#### **Sialolithiasis**

#### Diagnosis

- Historypain with salivation
- Inspection
- Palpation

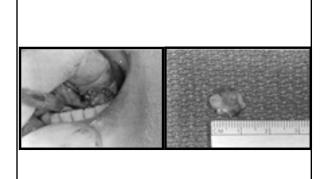


#### **Sialolithiasis**

#### Diagnosis

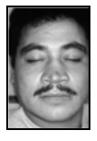
- Imaging
  - occlusal
  - lateral jaw
  - panoramic
  - sialogram





#### Patient: Juan

- ■28 year old Hispanic male
- Medical history:
  - unexplained intermittent facial swelling and lymphadenopathy
    - previously treated with Pen VK 500 mg



#### **Patient: Juan**

- Chief pain concern(s):
  - -"pain on the right side of my face; headaches in the temples; clicking in my right jaw; face feels numb and tingles on the right side; throbbing when I eat"





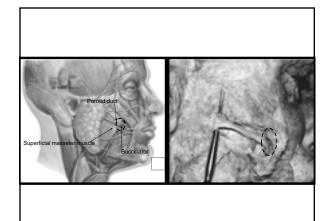


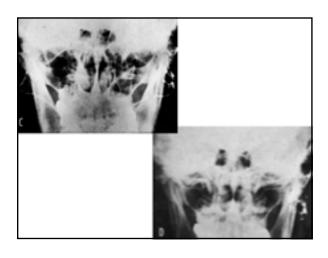
#### **Patient: Juan**

- Aggravating factors:
  - -eating
  - -opening wide
  - -yawning
- Alleviating/relieving factors:
  - -antibiotics (Pen VK 500)
  - -analgesics (Ibuprofen)-- "takes the edge off"

#### Parotido-Masseteric Hypertrophy Traumatic Occlusion Syndrome

- Parotid swelling
  - -duct obstruction
  - -pain
- Sialdochitis
  - bacterial infection due to retrograde travel of organisms from the oral cavity
- Traumatic occlusion





#### Parotido-Masseteric Hypertrophy Traumatic Occlusion Syndrome

Treatment

- Antibiotic therapy
- Analgesics
- Occlusal therapy
- Control parafunctional habits



#### **Differential Diagnosis**

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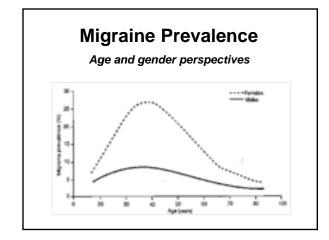


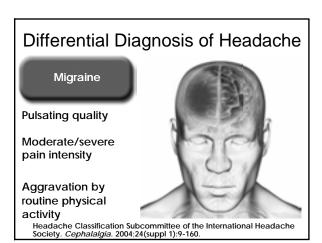
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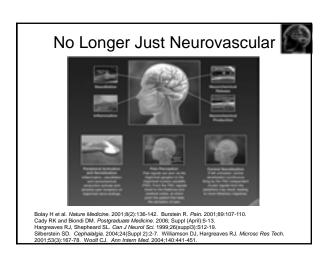
#### Migraine: Demographics

- 28 million Americans; 1/4 households
- Up to 90 % have family history
- One-year prevalence (one attack) 12.6 %
  - -6% men
  - -15 18% women
- Increasing incidence?
- Preventive therapy only used by 3 5 %

In children the incidence in males is only slightly lower than in females









#### Migraine without aura

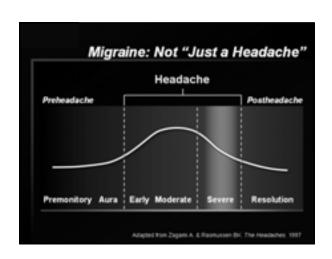
- ✓ HA attacks lasting 4 to 72 hours
- ✓ At least two of the following:
  - unilateral
  - pulsating quality
  - moderate to severe pain intensity
  - aggravation by physical activity
- Associated symptoms: nausea, vomiting, phonophobia, and/or photophobia
- ✓ Resolution with sleep

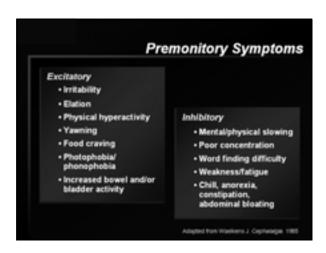


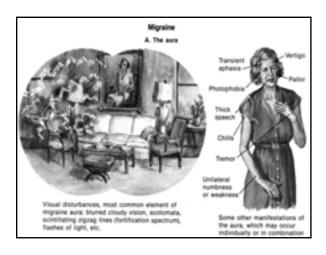
In some patients an aura may come before the headache

#### **Migraine With Aura**

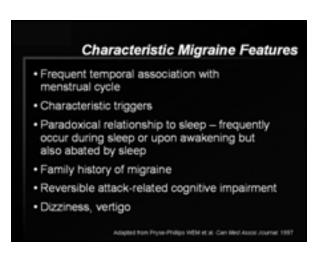
- Migraine without aura criteria
- Plus at least three of the following
  - One or more fully reversible aura symptoms
  - At least one symptom develops gradually (>4 min) or two or more symptoms occur in succession
  - No single aura symptom lasts longer than 60 min
  - Headache follows aura within 60 min (may begin before or simultaneously with aura symptom(s)
- Secondary causes excluded
- At least two attacks







# Visual ■ Flashes (photopsia) ■ Zigzag lines (teichopsia) ■ Blurred / cloudy vision ■ Tunnel vision



## How Do Patients Describe the Impact of Migraine on Their Lives?

- "I can't do anything. All I want to do is hide in a dark room."
- "Any sound bothers me. I can't even talk to my children."
- "I can't control the pain. I've tried [almost] everything."
- "When I have a severe migraine headache, I am completely unable to function, unable to drive or to work."



Migraine Disability Assessment Study, September 2000. Language patients used to describe migraine as stated by physicians Durham C.F. et al. Headache 1998;38:427-435

## What Can Trigger a Migraine Attack?

- Stress/Relief of stress
- Hormonal Changes
  - Oral contraceptives
  - Menstruation
- Lack of or too much sleep
- Missed meals
- Certain foods, drinks and ingredients
  - For example, red wine, chocolate, and cheese



#### Treatment:

- Trigger avoidance
- Symptomatic control to abort attacks



#### First line treatment:

- NSAIDs
  - Ibuprofen, naproxen, ASA
  - Combination acetaminophen, asa, caffeine like Excedrin migraine
  - OTC antihistamine, anti-nausea

#### **Pharmacotherapy**

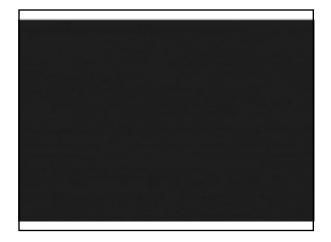
### Transnasal lidocaine 4% HCL (no vasoconstrictor)

- Indications
  - neuropathic pain
  - migraine headache



#### Second line treatment:

- Triptans
  - Avoid in coronary artery disease
- Fioricet, fiorinal combination of butalbital
- Dihydroergotamines injection / intranasally



## How to Help Prevent Migraine Attacks

The goal of preventive therapy is to reduce the frequency, severity and/or duration of migraine attacks.

- Beta-blockers
- Tricyclic antidepressants
  - Elavil (amitriptyline)
- Anticonvulsants
  - Topamax (topiramate)



#### Non-Pharmacological Intervention

- Interest in Non-Pharmacological Intervention has increased in recent years
- NTI (nociceptive trigeminal inhibitor)
- Biofeedback
- Relaxation
- Behavioral intervention
- Barriers in dissemination and implementation exist

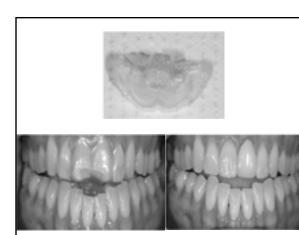


Smitherman TA, Penzien DB, Rains JCCurr Pain Headache Rep. 2007 Dec;11(6):471-7.

#### Beware of pitfalls of treatment







#### Biofeedback and Relaxation

- Combination of biofeedback and relaxation training is more effective than each therapy administered individually
- Also used in combination with medication therapy (biofeedback, relaxation, propranolol)

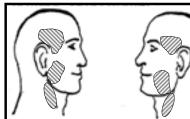
Holroyd KA and al. Enhancing the effectiveness of relaxation-thermal biofeedbackwith propranolol. J. Consult Clin Psychol. 1995;63 (2):327-330

#### Patient: Bernadette

- 76 yr. old Caucasian female
- Medical history:
  - hypertension
  - osteoporosis
  - intermittent, migrating joint swelling
  - fatigue of recent onset
  - depressed mood
  - progressively worsening vision

#### Patient: Bernadette

- Chief pain concern(s):
  - -"I have facial pain all over both sides of my face. I have severe pain upon



#### **Patient: Bernadette**

- Aggravating factors:
  - -eating
  - -talking
  - -clenching
- Alleviating/relieving factors:
  - -jaw rest
  - -"eating in stages"

#### **Temporal Arteritis**

Characteristics

- · Jaw claudication
- Craniofacial pain
  - dental pain
  - TM joint pain
  - otalgia
  - headache

#### **Temporal Arteritis**

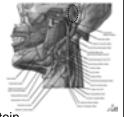
#### Characteristics

- Visual symptoms
- Anorexia
- Anemia
- Low grade fever/malaise
- Neurologic deficits
- Systemic involvement
  - polymyalgia rheumatica

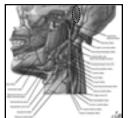
#### **Temporal Arteritis**

#### Diagnosis

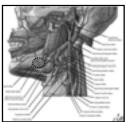
- Clinical
  - decreased pulse
  - fibrotic, tender artery
- Laboratory
  - Westergren erythrocyte sedimentation rate (> 50mm/hr)
  - Elevated C-reactive protein



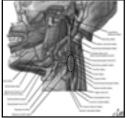












#### **Temporal Arteritis**

Diagnosis

- Biopsy
  - usually the superficial temporal artery
  - 1.5 cm segment due to "skip" lesions

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#### **Temporal Arteritis**

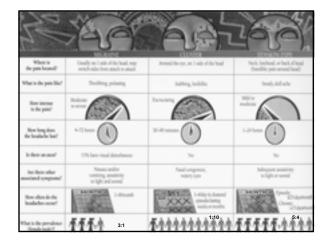
Treatment

- · Glucocorticoid therapy
  - parenteral (in patients with visual symptoms)
  - oral
    - > Prednisone 40-60 mg / day initially with gradual taper over 6-12 months

#### The Key To Success...



Because most patients with headache have normal neurologic and general physical examinations, when possible, a thorough history is CRUCIAL to determining the etiology



#### **Differential Diagnosis**

- Teeth
- Glandular
- Vascular
- Neurogenous
- Myogenous
- Arthrogenous
- Paranasal sinuses
- Otologic





#### Neuropathic

"Pain initiated or caused **Paim**ary lesion or dysfunction in the nervous system"

International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP)

#### **Neuropathic Pain**

Key issues and challenges

#### Common

-25-30% of Facial Pain Center patients

Under/misdiagnosed and undertreated

Interpatient variability regarding presentation and response to treatment

Complex pathophysiology

**Practitioner doubt** 

#### **Differential Diagnosis**

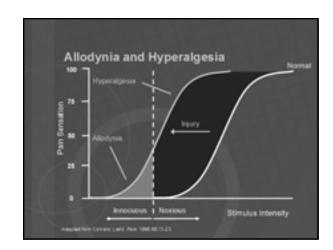
Neuropathic Orofacial Pain

#### **Physical Examination**

Allodynia - pain from stimulus that does not normally cause pain

Hyperalgesia - increased response to a painful stimuli

Sympathetic hyperfunction - swelling, redness, sweating



#### Trigeminal Neuralgia

Onset

"Facial Pain II. A Prospective Survey of 1052 Patients with a View of: Character of Attacks, Onset, Course and Character of Pain"

Rasmussen P. Acta Neurochirurgica, 1990;107:121-128

#### Trigeminal Neuralgia

Onset

Atypical trigeminal neuralgia (ATN)

Characterized by brief pain paroxysms with interval pain or attacks of several minutes duration

Rasmussen P. Acta Neurochirurgica, 1990;107:121-128

#### **Patient: Charles**

- Chief pain concern:
  - -"hurts when touched- electric like shock; almost constant aching"





#### **Patient: Charles**

- Aggravating factors:
  - -touching area (occasionally)
  - -blowing nose, sneezing
  - -occasionally when smiling
- Alleviating/relieving factors:
  - -Tegretol (200 mg bid)- several hours

#### Pre-trigeminal Neuralgia

Historical perspectives

"...avoid the useless and unnecessary extraction of entire rows of healthy teeth."

Fothergill J. London. 1769;3:400-418 Pujol M. Paris: Theophile Barrois, 1787

#### Pre-trigeminal Neuralgia

Historical perspectives

"...prodromal sensations experienced in the upper or lower jaws at the onset of their illness."

> Symons C. Ann R Coll Surg Engl 1949;4:206-212 Mitchell PG. Br Dent J 1980;149:167-170



- Teeth were extracted 10 years prior to pain onset.
- No osseous pathology is evident radiographically.
- The soft tissues overlying the area is of normal color and texture.



#### Pre-trigeminal Neuralgia

- 1. dull, aching pain (toothache/sinus-like pain)
- 2. spontaneous onset
- 3. no specific trigger zone
- 4. duration- minutes to hours
- 5. pain may spread

#### Pre-trigeminal Neuralgia

- 6. sporadic sharp, lancinating pain
- 7. triggered by chewing, drinking hot/cold liquids brushing teeth, yawning, talking
- 8. pain decreases with somatic blocks
- 9. precedes trigeminal neuralgia

#### Pre-trigeminal Neuralgia

Differential diagnostic considerations

- •neoplasm
- •sinusitis
- •atypical odontalgia
- •myofascial pain
- •lower half headache
- •TM joint dysfunction
- •odontogenic pain
- •osseous pathology

#### **Neuropathic Facial Pain**

Classification

Classic Trigeminal Neuralgia Type 1 (TN 1)

- ✓ Facial pain of spontaneous onset
- ✓ >50% limited to duration of an episode of pain (temporary pain)

#### **Neuropathic Facial Pain**

Classification

Trigeminal Neuralgia
Type 2 (TN 2)

✓ Facial pain of spontaneous onset with greater than 50% presenting as a constant pain.

One of the most painful afflictions known to man



#### **Dental Care - TN Connection**



- TN may mimic dental pain
- Dental treatment may cause nerve irritation/ damage
- Dental care may aggravate pre-existing trigeminal neuralgia



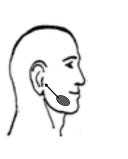
#### **Trigeminal Neuralgia** TTN ATN Started as or in number per cent number per cent direct conjunction with 109 102 Toothache 10 10 Dental Treatment 5 Surgery of Oral Cavity 1 Fitting/Placement of Bridges or Dentures Dislocation of the jaw joint 0 Facial trauma Sinusitis 2

#### **Patient: Lavonne**

- ■56 year old Caucasian female
- Medical history significant for:
  - -hairy cell leukemia (in remission)
  - -low back pain (intermittent)
  - -depressed mood secondary to pain

#### **Patient: Lavonne**

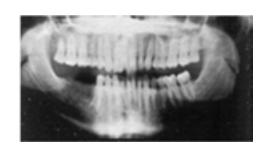
- Chief pain concern:
  - -"lightning bolt-like pain in lower right jaw; feels like upper and lower teeth are misaligned; fairly constant burning"





#### **Patient: Lavonne**

- Aggravating factors:
  - -chewing, yawning, and talking
  - -cool/cold breeze on face
- Alleviating/relieving factors:
  - occlusal appliance therapy
  - -Tegretol



#### **Trigeminal Neuralgia**

Sudden, unilateral, severe, brief, recurrent pain in the distribution of the trigeminal nerve.



#### **Trigeminal Neuralgia**

Characteristics

- sharp, agonizing, electric, shock-like stabs in skin or buccal mucosa
- triggered by light touch
- lasting a few seconds to 2 minutes

#### **Trigeminal Neuralgia**

Characteristics

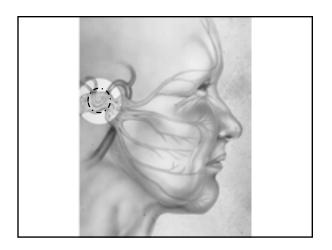
- paroxysms occur at intervals to almost continuously
- pain free intervals of months or years, followed by recurrence

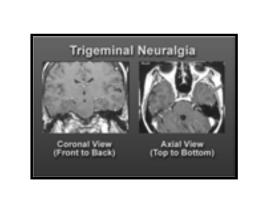
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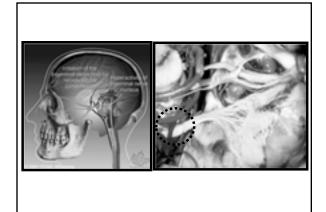
- Greater frequency in women.
   Predilection for right side.
- 3. Mandibular and maxillary divisions most often affected.

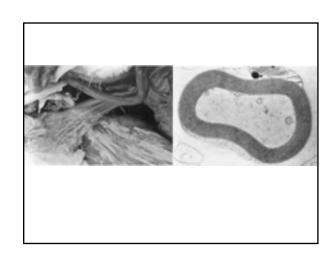
#### **Trigeminal Neuralgia**

- 4. Teeth and palate seldom the trigger zone.
- 5. Tongue is seldom painful.
- 6. Secondary radiation seldom skips a division.
- 7. Remission between attacks become shorter.







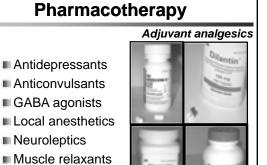


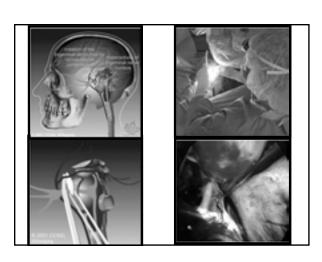


#### **Trigeminal Neuralgia**

**Primary Treatment Modalities** 

- Pharmacotherapeutic
- Surgical





#### Trigeminal Neuralgia

#### Proposed etiologies:

■ Miscellaneous

- vascular compression of trigeminal ganglion
- traumatic or auto-immune demyelination (MS)
- central / peripheral neural injury
- intracranial mass (tumor, aneurysm, cyst)
- unknown

Consider AGE and SYMPTOMS: idiopathic versus secondary

#### **Neuropathic Facial Pain**

Classification

Secondary Symptomatic Trigeminal Neuralgia (STN)

✓ Facial pain resulting from multiple sclerosis

#### **Trigeminal Neuralgia**

#### Age of onset:

Idiopathic / classic -typically after age 30 (50-75 years)

Multiple sclerosis-related -20-40 years of age

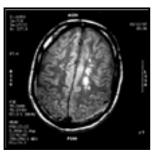
#### Secondary Trigeminal Neuralgia

- Multiple sclerosis affects approximately 1:700 people, with an estimated US prevalence of 250,000-500,000.
  - ~1-2% of patients with MS develop TN (~ 10 new cases per year, and cumulative total of approximately 4,000-5,000 people).
- Only about 3% of patients with TN have MS.
- TN due to an intracranial mass such as a tumor or aneurysm (excluding vascular compression from cerebellar arteries) is rare, probably accounting for no more than 5% of cases.

#### Multiple Sclerosis - Craniofacial Pain

- 1. Pain may be first symptom.
- 2. Identical to trigeminal neuralgia.
- 3. Begins between age 20 and 40.
- 4. Associated with leg weakness.
- Sclerotic plaque in rootlets of V.

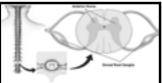
#### Multiple Sclerosis - Craniofacial Pain





#### Herpes Zoster

- Herpes Zoster (shingles) is an acute infectious disease caused by herpes zoster virus.
- It primarily affects the posterior spinal root ganglion of the spinal nerves.



#### Herpes Zoster: Incidence

- Overall incidence of HZ: 131 per 100,000.
- No gender difference.
- Directly related to age; older > younger.
- More common and severe in immunosuppressed patients
  - lymphoma
  - chronic lymphocytic leukemia
  - radiation therapy
  - chemotherapy
  - lupus erythematosus

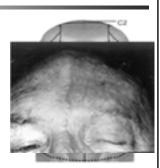
Distribution of herpes zoster		
Region	<u>Cases (%)</u>	
Cranial	15	
Cervical	12	
Thoracic	55	
Lumbar	14	
Sacral	3	
Generalized	1	
AII	100	

#### Herpes Zoster of V

- 1. Pain may appear before vesicles.
- 2. Ophthalmic division most often affected.
- 3. Nerve affected unilaterally.
- 4. Pathologic changes in V ganglion and rootlets.
- 5. Chronic postherpetic pain rare but incurable.

#### **Herpes Zoster**

- Pain/dysesthesia preceeds vesicles by 24-72 hours.
- Evidenced in the distribution of the nerve affected.



#### **Herpes Zoster**

- ➤ May occur at any age
- ➤ Incidence highest in the 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> decade
- > Recurs in 6% of cases
  - usually at the same site as the initial lesion

#### **Herpes Zoster**

Factors associated with reactivation

- > Immunosuppressive therapy
- ➤ Stress/anxiety
- ➤ Malignancy
- > Local irradiation
- > Trauma



#### **Neuropathic Facial Pain**

Classification

Post-Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN)

✓ Pain resulting from herpes zoster outbreak (shingles) along the trigeminal nerve

#### **Herpes Zoster**

Postherpetic neuralgia

Pain recurring or continuing at the site of shingles 1 or more months after the rash.

#### **Herpes Zoster**

Postherpetic neuralgia

#### Incidence:

- >Age dependent
- >50-70% depending on population studied
- > Dramatic increase after the age of 50

#### **Herpes Zoster**

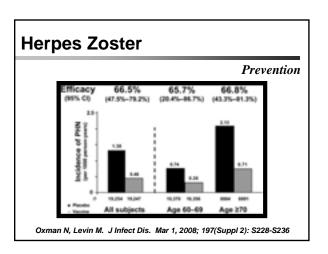
#### Postherpetic neuralgia

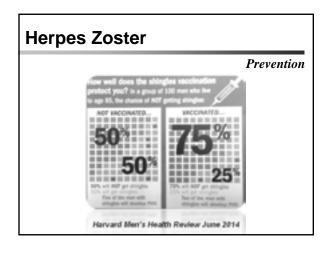
#### **Treatment:**

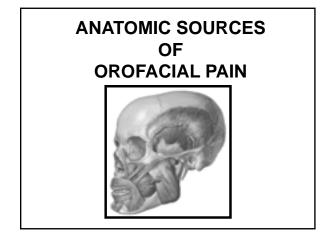
- Antiviral agent
- Analgesic
- Corticosteroid???
- Local anesthetic
  - Peripheral
  - Sympathetic
  - Intravenous
- Topical agents– Capsaicin
  - Local anesthetic
  - Aspirin/chloroform
  - clonidine
- Tricyclic
- antidepressants
- Neruontin (gabapentin)

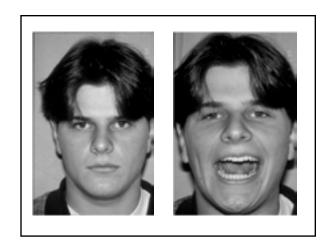
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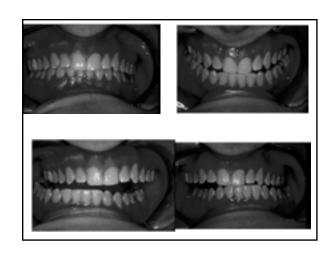
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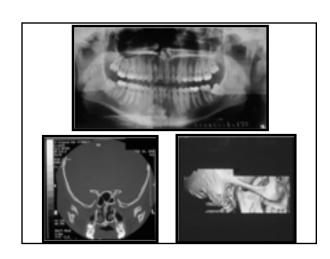


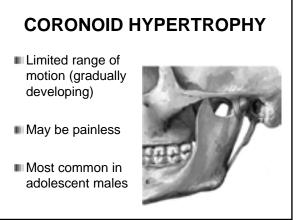




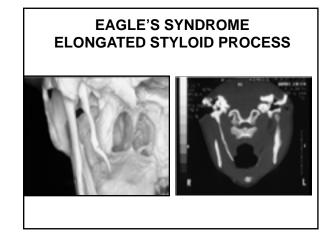


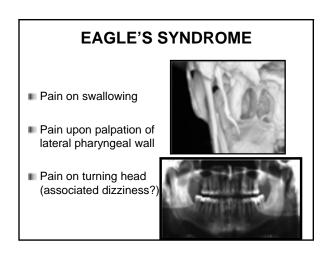


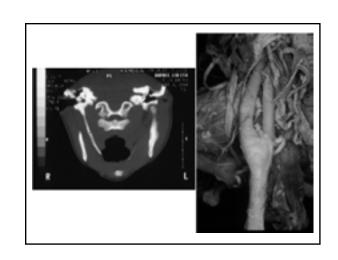


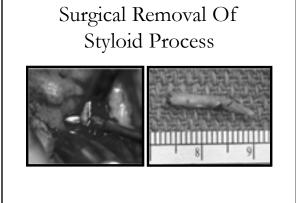












## A collective term referring to a number of clinical problems involving the masticatory musculature, the temporomandibular joint(s) and associated structures or both.

#### Temporomandibular Disorder

Cardinal Signs/Symptoms

- Pain in the:
  - Temporomandibular joints
  - Masticatory muscles
  - Cervical region
- Limitation or disturbance of mandibular movements
- Temporomandibular joint sou

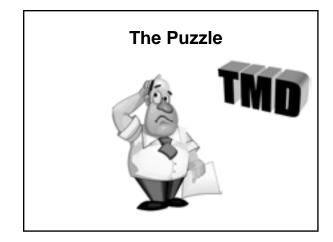


#### **TMD: Temporal Characteristics**

- · Pain may arise suddenly
- May progress over months or years
- Intermittent frequency and intensity



## Too Much Disagreement



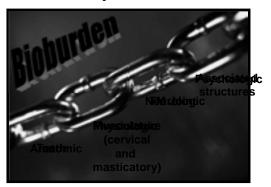
# TMD Epidemiology NATURAL COURSE?? catching locking degeneration

#### **TMD Epidemiology**

NATURAL COURSE

- No evidence that TM joint clicking must progress to locking and degeneration
- No evidence that arthritic reactions must develop in joints that lock
- Most degenerating joints tend to become non-painful with time (1-3 years)
- ❖ As many as 16% may have long term pain

#### **TMD: Complex Interactions**



#### **PATHOGENESIS**

The cellular events and reactions and other pathologic mechanisms occurring in the development of disease.

#### **Temporomandibular Disorder**

Many things can light the fuse... many things can keep it burning!



#### **TMD: Etiologic Variables**

Anatomy Parafunction Sleep Disorders Occlusion Stress Trauma Pain Coping Nutrition Gender Depression Posture

Homeostatic Balance

Pathofunction

Pathofunction

#### **Differential Diagnosis**

- Teeth
- Glandular
- Vascular
- Neurogenous
- Myogenous
- Arthrogenous
- Paranasal sinuses
- Otologic



#### **Patient: Marcus**

- ■28 year old Caucasian male
- Medical history:
  - -non-contributory

#### **Patient: Marcus**

Chief pain concern:

"I have a toothache in my lower right molar area"



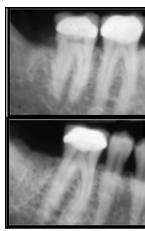




Radiographic and clinical findings (intraoral assessment) were non-contributory to determination of a diagnosis.

#### **Patient: Marcus**

- Aggravating factors:
  - -chewing
  - -clenching
- Alleviating/relieving factors:
  - -analgesics (NSAIDs, opioids)





#### **Patient: Marcus**

#### Chief pain concern:

"constant toothache, even where I don't have teeth any more"



#### **Myofascial Pain**

Diagnostic criteria

- Regional dull, aching pain
- Presence of trigger points in muscles, tendons, or fascia
- Pain reduction with abolishment of trigger point

#### **Myofascial Pain**

Clinical characteristics

#### Zone of reference

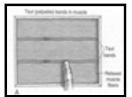
- Constant dull ache
- Fluctuates with intensity
- Consistent referral pattern
- Local or distant trigger point
- Alleviation with trigger point abolishment

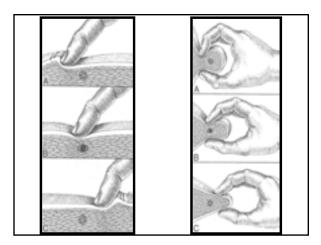
#### **Myofascial Pain**

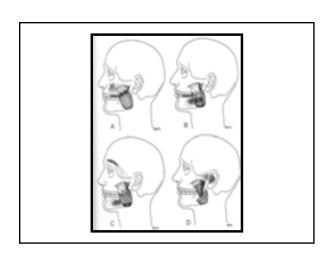
Clinical characteristics

#### Trigger points

- Rope-like band of muscle
- Tenderness on palpation
- Palpation alters pain
- Consistent location



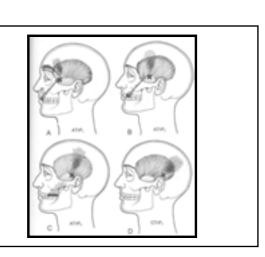


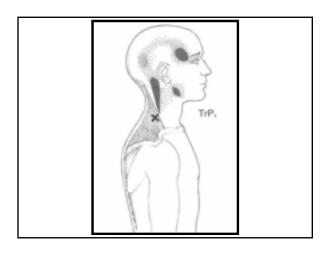


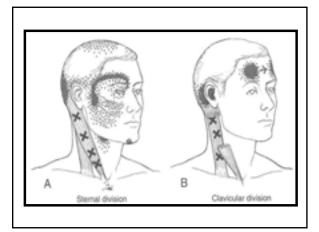
#### **Myofascial Pain**

Contributing factors

- Nutritional
- Physical disorders
- Sleep disturbance
- Stress/anxiety
- Parafunctional habits
- Postural strains
- Endocrinological
- Disuse







#### **Myofascial Pain**

#### Management considerations

- Nutritional
  - Calcium 1200 mg/day
  - Magnesium 600 mg/day
  - B-100 complex
- Sleep disturbance
  - Sleep hygiene
  - pharmacotherapy

#### **Myofascial Pain**

#### Management considerations

- Avoid increased bed rest
- Maintain range of motion/mobility
- Palliative care techniques
  - ice massage
  - heat
  - ethyl chloride spray
  - gentle stretching

#### **Myofascial Pain**

#### Management considerations

- Stress/anxiety
  - relaxation techniques
  - pharmacotherapy
  - psychotherapy
- Muscle deficiency
  - stretching/strengthening exercises
  - physical therapy
  - nutritional supplementation

#### **Myofascial Pain**

#### Management considerations

- Pharmacotherapy
  - NSAIDs
  - Muscle relaxants
  - Tricyclic antidepressants
  - Sleep aid medications
  - Local anesthetics (trigger point injections)
  - Transdermal preparations

#### **Differential Diagnosis**

- Teeth
- Glandular
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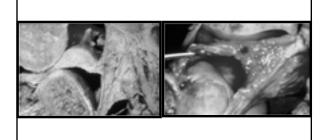
#### TM Joint Inflammatory **Conditions**





#### Capsulitis, Synovitis, Retrodiscitis

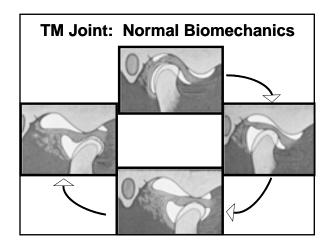
an inflammation of the synovial lining, capsular, or retrodiscal tissues of the temporomandibular joint that can be due to infection, an immunologic condition secondary to articular surface degeneration, or trauma.

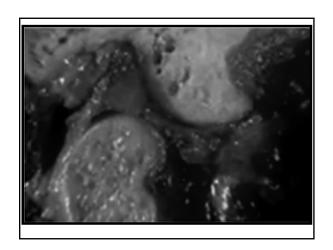


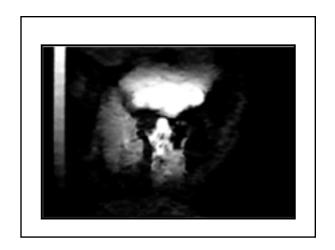
#### Capsulitis, Synovitis, Retrodiscitis

#### Management Considerations:

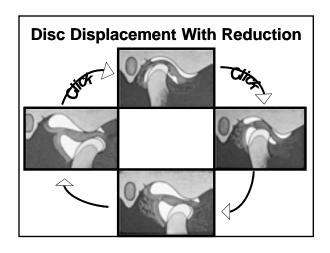
- Patient education
- Restrict mandibular function
- · Control parafunctional activity
- PharmacotherapyAnalgesic/anti-inflammatory
  - Muscle relaxant (?)
- · Stabilization orthotic
- · Physical therapy







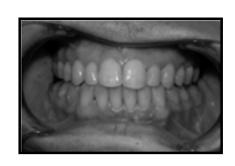


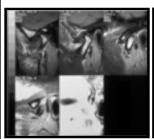


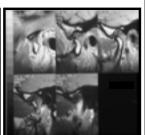


#### **Disc Displacement With Reduction**

An abrupt alteration or interference of the disc-condyle structural relationship during mandibular translation with mouth opening or closing.







## Disc Displacement With Reduction (Painful)

Management Considerations:

- · Patient education
- Restrict mandibular function
- Pharmacotherapy
  - Analgesic/anti-inflammatory
  - Muscle relaxant (?)
- · Stabilization orthotic



#### TM Joint:Affects of Reduced Loading

- Improved mesenchymal cell reprogramming
- Facilitation of pseudodisc formation
- · Facilitation of condylar remodeling
- Reduction in amount of cellular debris
- Decreased synovial irritation

Moses

# **Pseudodisc Hypothesis**

When subjected to constant repetitive compressive forces and loading, the retrodiscal tissue may transform into a disclike tissue.

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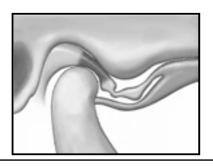
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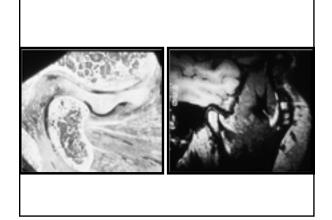
# **Pseudodisc Hypothesis**

Many TM joints display an adaptive capacity to remodel themselves and continue to function without ideal disc position.

Solberg, Hansson. J Oral Rehab 1985, 12:303-321 Westesson, Rohlin. OS,OM,OP 1984;4:17-22

# Disc Displacement with Reduction (Painless)

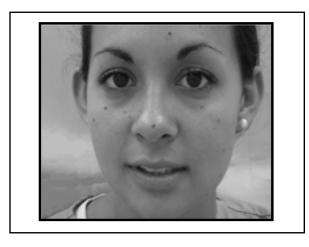


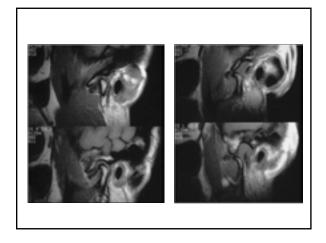


Sudden Onset Closed Lock with no prior history of clicking

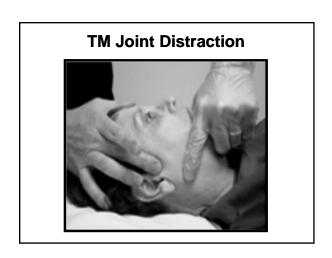
Anchored-disc phenomenon versus
Acute Closed Lock
(Disk displacement without reduction)

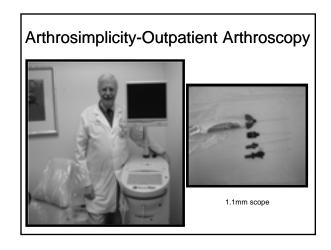


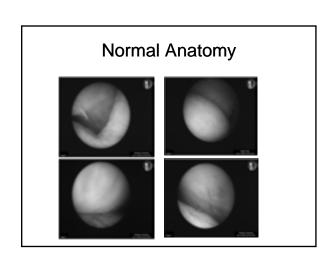


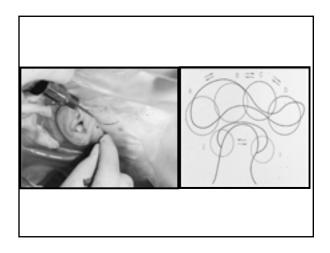


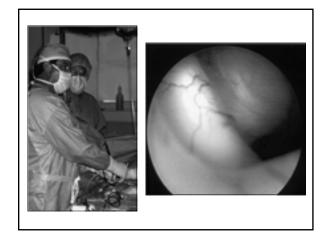










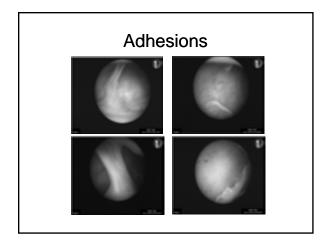


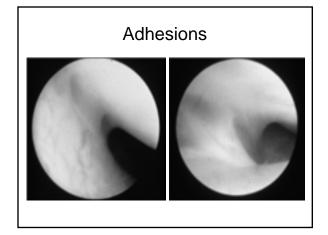
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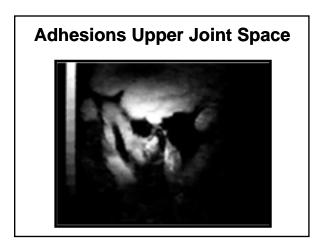
Procedures

Arthroscopy: Diagnostic findings

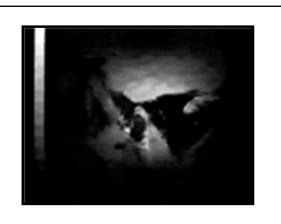
- a. Normal findings
- b. Synovitis
- c. Disk displacement
- d. Fibrillation
- e. Adhesions











#### TMJ ARTHROSCOPY

#### Post-op Management

- 1. Aggressive ROM exercises
- 2. NSAIDs
- 3. Reduce joint loading
  - a. Medications
  - b. Occlusal orthosis

# **Degenerative Joint Disease**

A chronic inflammatory or noninflammatory disease resulting in joint deformity caused by degenerative changes in the articular cartilage, fibrous connective tissue, and/or the articular disc within the temporomandibular joint.

# Degenerative temporomandibular joint disease is the result of maladaptation to increased joint loading.



Westesson, Rohlin 1984 Axelson, et al. 1992, 1993 Stegenga, et al. 1992 deBont, Stegenga 1993

#### Macrotrauma

- Impact injury
- Extension-flexion injury
- Prolonged / excessive mouth opening
- Intubation



## TMD DJD: Trauma-Related

Macrotrauma

- 400 patients
- 25.5% reported an identifiable specific event

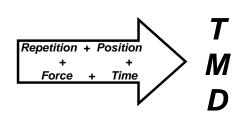
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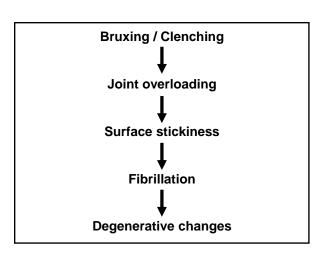
## **Microtrauma**

- Bruxism
- Clenching
- Hyperextension
- Postural
- Musicians
- Other habitual repetitive behaviors



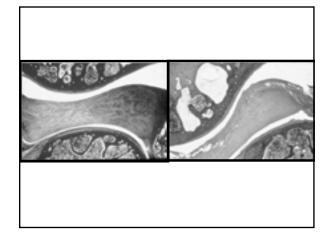
## **Cummulative Trauma Disorder**

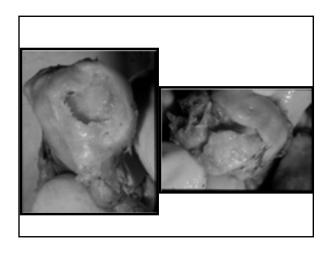


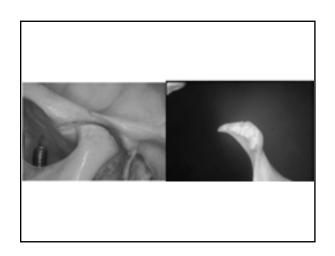


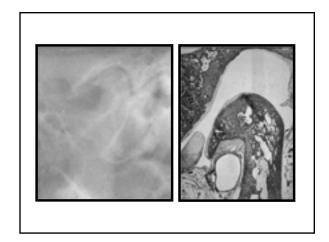
### **TM Joint Overloading**

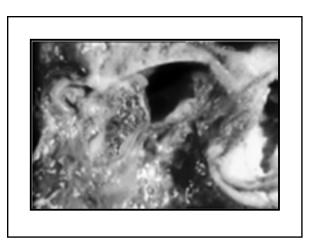
- Physiologic changes
  - Increased matrix degradation
  - Fibrocartilage breakdown
  - Synovial fluid alterations
  - Impaired function (Î frictional resistance)
  - Incoordination between TM joint components during movement

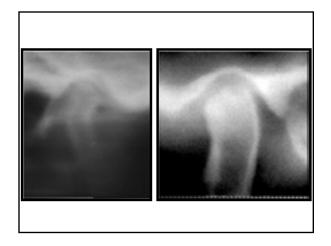


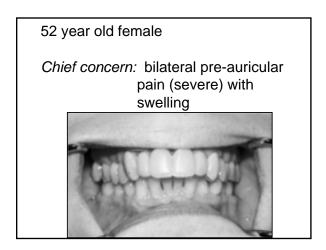












# **Clinical Findings**

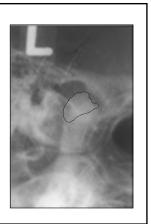
- TM joint
  - Severe pain at lateral and medial aspects on palpation bilaterally
  - Severe pain on loading bilaterally
  - Maximum painless opening 15mm
  - Course crepitus
- Masticatory musculature
  - Generalized moderate pain on palpation











# **TM Joint Degenerative Joint Disease**

Management considerations

- Patient education
- Restricted function
- Pharmacotherapy
  - analgesic/anti-inflammatory
  - muscle relaxant ???
- Control parafunctional activities
- Occlusal orthosis therapy
- Physical therapy

Degenerative Joint Disease

**Treatment** 

#### Pharmacotherapy

- a. NSAIDs
- b. Muscle relaxants
- c. Supportive
  - 1) Glygoaminoglycan 4) Antioxidants 1200-1500 mg/d
  - 1) Chondroitin Sulfate 1500 mg/d
  - 3) MSM
- Vitamin C (sustained release,
  - 1000 mg/d Vitamin E
  - 400 I.U./d
- Betacarotene 2500 I.U./d (am)



Internal
Derangement and
Osteoarthritis

**Outcomes** 

A. Toller (1973)

1. 130 DJD patients

2. <u>Years Observed</u> <u>Improvement</u>
1 51%
2 76%
3 87%
5 98%

# TM Joint Degenerative Joint Disease

Epidemiology- natural course?

## 30 year follow-up (n=99)

- Disk displacement with reduction (at baseline)
  - 75% clicking ceased
  - 13% reported crepitus
- Disk displacement without reduction (at baseline)
  - -7% reported crepitus

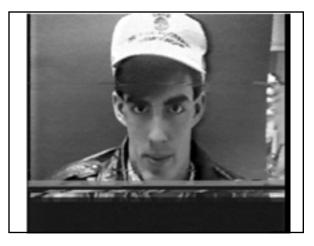
# TM Joint Degenerative Joint Disease

Epidemiology- natural course?

#### 30 year follow-up (n=99)

- Masticatory function
  - patients=controls
- Clicking and pain
  - decreased
- Most common complaint
  - fatigue of masticatory muscles

DeLeeuw R, et al. J Orofac Pain 1994;8:18-24



# **Differential Diagnosis**

- Teeth
- Glandular
- Vascular
- Neurogenous
- Myogenous
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- Paranasal sinuses
- Otologic

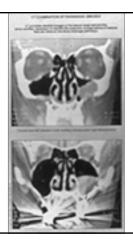


# **Paranasal Sinuses**

Headache and facial pain are commonly related to infection, inflammation, and/or obstruction of the outflow of the tracts of the paranasal sinuses.

#### **Acute / Chronic Sinusitis: PAINFUL COMPLICATIONS**

- Mucosal inflammation and thickening in cases of acute sinusitis
- Partial or complete obstruction of sinus ostia
- Pressure sensation
- Maxillary mucoceles
- Osteomyelitis



## **Acute / Chronic Sinusitis**

#### Sinus involved

#### Sphenoid sinus

#### Frontal sinus

#### Ethmoid sinus

- Maxillary sinus
- Pansinusitis

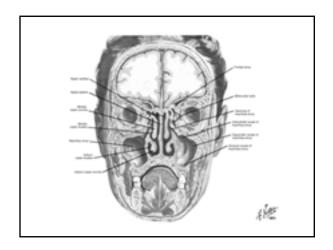
#### Site(s) of referral

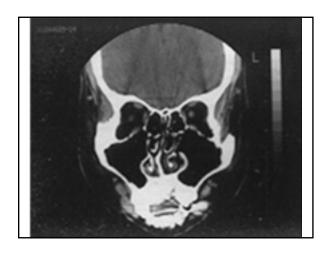
- Vertex, other parts of the cranium
- Frontal region
- Between the eyes
- Maxilla, dental structures
- Pain may be coalescent, less localized, associated with frontal headaches, constant pressure

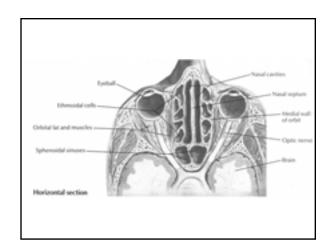
# **MUCOSAL CONTACT HEADACHE**

#### **Mucosal Contact Headache**

- Dull and aching
- Diffuse peri-/retro-ocular, supraorbital pain
- History of chronic maxillary sinusitis
- Allergy prone
- Associated with upper respiratory tract
- Impedance of normal mucosal activity





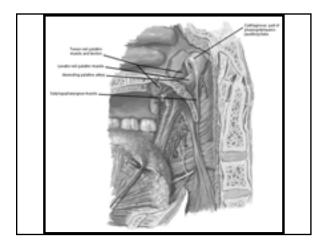




# **Differential Diagnosis**

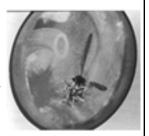
- **■** Teeth
- Glandular
- Vascular
- Neurogenous
- Myogenous
- ArthrogenousParanasal sinuses
- Otologic

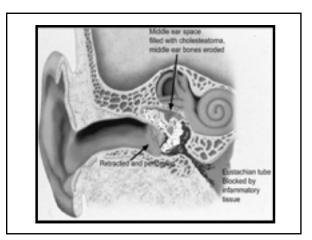


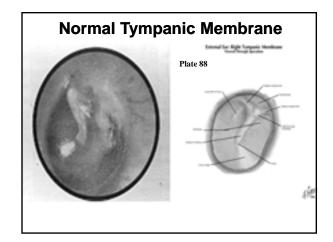


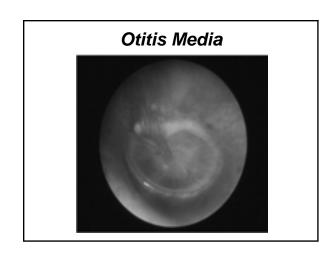
# **Tinnitus: Differential Diagnosis**

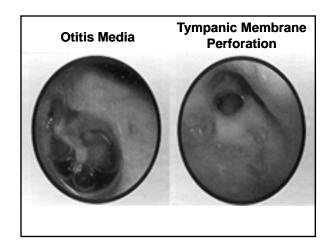
- ➤Noise-induced
- ➤ Metabolic disease
- ➤ Endocrine disease
- ➤ Autoimmune disorders
- ➤Structural abnormalities
- ➤ Medication-induced
- ➤Occluso-muscle

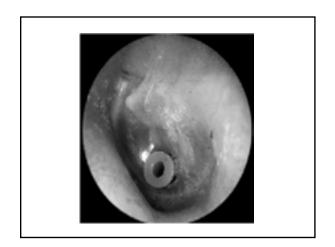








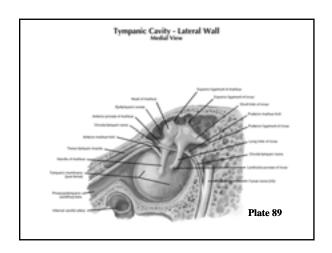




# **Eustachian tube dysfunction**

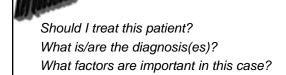
- Normal function
  - Dilatation
  - Primarily involves the tensor veli palatini
  - Swallowing causes momentary eustachian tube dilitation which equalizes pressure
  - Secondarily involves
    - Levator veli palatini
    - Salpingopharyngeus
    - Superior constrictor

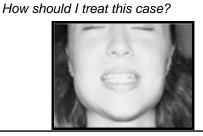




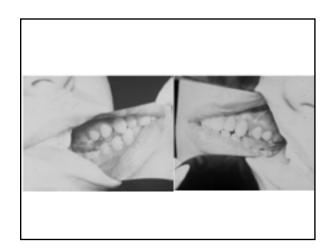
# **Tonic Tensor Tympani Phenomenon**

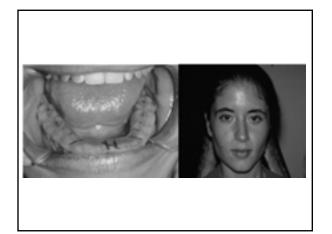
- Hypertonia of medial pterygoid produces a concomitant reflex hypertonia of the tensor tympani muscle
- Tonic tensor tympani cannot initiate the reflex that increases the tonus of the tnsor veli palatini muscle
- Failure of the eustachian tube to open during deglutition

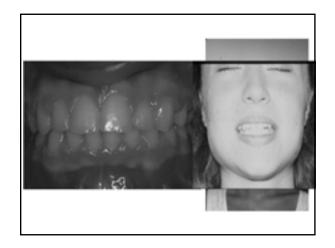
















# Diagnosis Diagnosis Diagnosis

# The most important duties of the health care professional

- > To cure sometimes
- > To relieve often
- > To comfort always

### The Future

- Greater awareness does not come in a single blinding flash of enlightenment.
- It comes slowly piece by piece, and each piece must be worked for by the patient effort of study and observation of everything, including ourselves.



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