

MTC Headache

Trigeminal neuralgia Primary Secondary

(Without Cause) (With underlying Cause)

Migraine

Usually the second most common type of Headache, easily diagnosable by history.

Triggers

- Smell of cigarette smoke
- Foods → Cheese, chocolate, wine
- Sleep → Too much or too less
- Women → During menses, Contraceptives containing oestrogen
- Psychological stress
- Beginning on Friday evening or a holiday.

Pathophysiology - Unknown.

Neurotransmitter (Serotonin)

Increases during aura

Decreases during attack

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Vasoconstriction

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Vasodilation

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Cortical depression

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Triggers Pain receptors

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Hypersensitive to light, sound, smell

Clinical Features

Onset → Gradual onset (30-120 mins)
Preceded by irritability, Depression
Fatigue

Duration → lasts for < 24 hrs, Recurrent within weeks or months free.

Before: Aura (Classical migraine) - 20%.

- Strange smells (Osmophobia),

Sounds (Phonophobia), Small light (Photophobia)

- Visual disturbances, (Zig Zag lines,

Temporary Visual Field loss.

Duration → Pounding, Pulsating, ^{par}phobia,

After → Some pain at site

Modality → movement, > quiet, dark Room.

Concomitant → Nausea and vomiting.

Location → One sided headache.

Investigation → CT & MRI to neglect CT/MRI.

Management →

- Avoiding triggers on contraceptive pills

Cluster Headache

(Migrainous neuralgia)

- Usually less common with male predominance

Pathophysiology

- Unknown causation,

- Abnormal hypothalamic activity is seen.

- Usually the patients are smokers and alcoholics.

Clinical Features

Location → Periorbital region; Unilateral.

Onset → Sudden, striking, occurring at

a regular time in a week,

awakening the person from

sleep → "Alarm clock Headache"

Duration → 20-120 mins, with clusters of

1-4 times/day; For weeks to

years.

Sensation

- Shobbing, stabbing around one eye.
- Autonomic symptoms (Swollen Eyelid, Red Eye, Tearing, Running nose)

→ Horner's Syndrome (Triad)

↳ Ptosis, Miosis, Anhidrosis.

Concomitant

- Agitated

Management → Inhalation of 100% oxygen.

Tension Headache

- Most common type of Headache.

- Milder Version of Migraine.

Pathophysiology: Unknown

- The name was given for the muscle tension but was dismissed.

- Anxiety about attack itself continues the symptom.

Triggers: Stress, lack of sleep, Dehydration, Alcohol, Late

Clinical Features

Sensation - Dull, tight, or pressure, with sensation of a band round the head applying constant pressure.

Location - Generalized or radiates from occipit.

→ lasts for a few hours.

→ No aura, vomiting, or photophobia.

→ No disabling of the patients.

→ Tenderness in the skull vault of occipit.

Management → Physiotherapy, muscle relaxation.

Stress management.

Secondary Headache

- ① Intracranial bleeding
(Subdural hematoma, Intracranial Subarachnoid)
- ② ↑ Intracranial pressure
→ Brain Tumor, Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension, Brain Abscess
- ③ Infection (Meningitis, Encephalitis, Brain Abscess)
- ④ Inflammation (Vasculitis, Temporal arteritis)
- ⑤ Referred pain from other structures.
(Elbow, Neck, Temporomandibular Joint).
- ⑥ Medication over use

Investigation

- Lumbar Puncture, CSF
- CT angiogram, CT, MRI
- ↑ ESR
- Glasgow Coma Scale