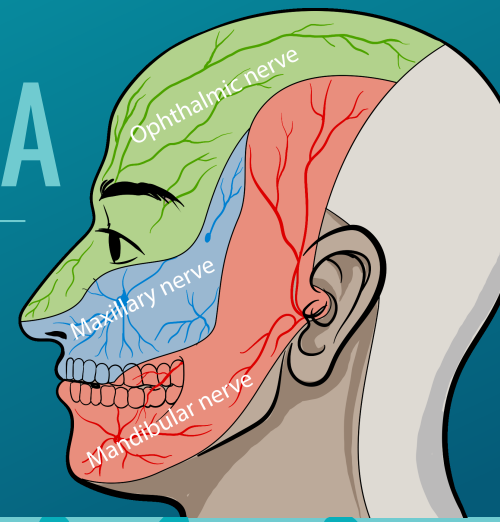


Five things you need to know about

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA

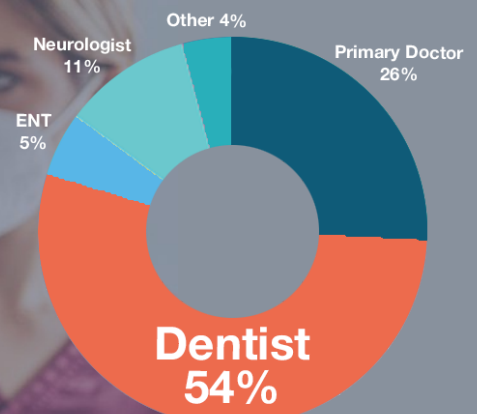


1 Trigeminal neuralgia is a disorder characterized by recurrent unilateral brief electric shock-like pain, abrupt in onset and termination, limited to the distribution of one or more divisions of the trigeminal nerve and triggered by innocuous stimuli.

2 Orofacial pain occurs in approximately 10% of the adult population. In the United States, approximately 15,000 people are diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia every year.



3 The majority of TN patients visit their dentist before visiting other doctors. Note: Dentists were included in the most malpractice cases involving TN. In a 2021 AAOMS study - average payout was \$415,908



4 The symptoms for trigeminal neuralgia are very similar to dental pain.

electric shocks along cheek
throbbing pain sharp pain
toothache excruciating
shooting pain stabbing pain
Stabbing back Sharp Numbness right side

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- ✓ TN is **2X more likely** to be diagnosed in **women** than men
 - ✓ Pain is **most often unilateral** occurring only on one side of the face (*more frequently on right side*)
 - ✓ Most frequently diagnosed in patients **over the age of 50**

Trigeminal neuralgia is **NOT** a dental condition.
Make sure you know the difference.



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