

Trigeminal Neuralgia

Trigeminal neuralgia is a chronic pain condition that affects the trigeminal nerve in the face. The Trigeminal nerve is at the base of your brain and the pain is caused when pressure is placed on the nerve.

Causes of this pressure can be by a blood vessels, tumour, surgical injuries or facial trauma compressing the nerve. Trigeminal neuralgia can also occur with aging.

Symptoms may include, sharp and shooting pain in the face. These attacks may be triggered by touching the face, brushing your teeth, chewing and speaking. Sometimes the pain starts out as a constant aching, burning feeling before it becomes more severe.

Pain may affect one side of the face at a time and pain may come and go, with attacks lasting a week, months or longer. Attacks often become more frequent and intense over time.

Dr Pascoe will take into consideration your history but will most likely request some tests to determine the best form of treatment. Depending on the outcome of the diagnosis, treatment is very often managed successfully with medication.

For further information:

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