

# Prevention of neuropathic pain in relation to dental procedures



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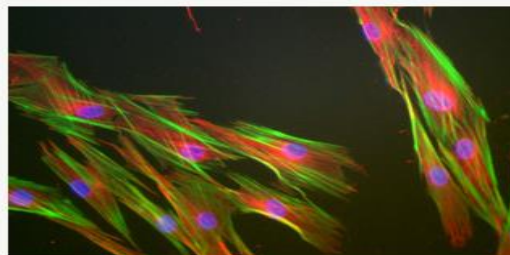


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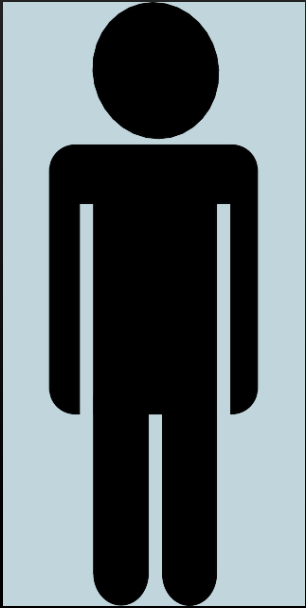
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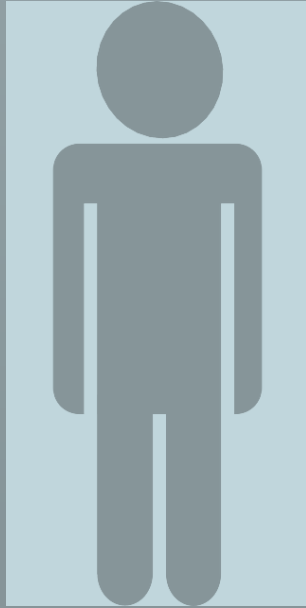
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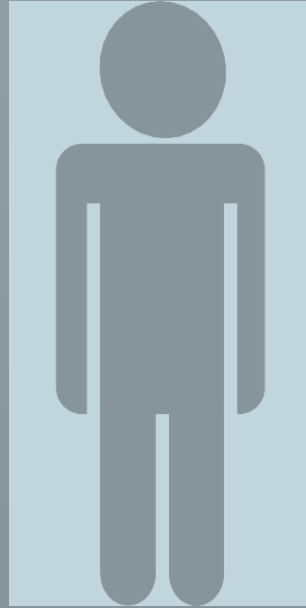
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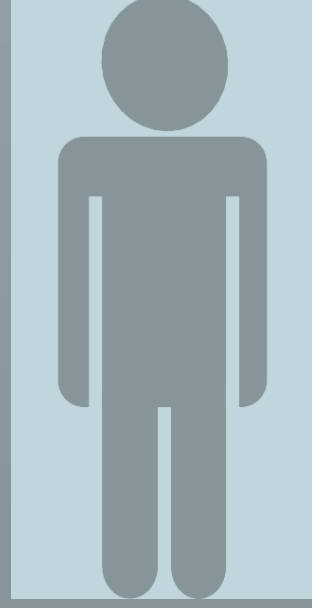
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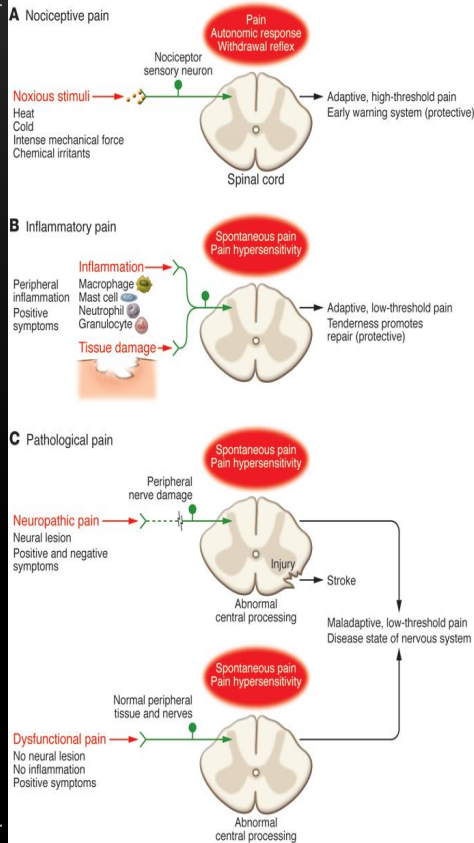
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# Types of pain



Types of pain  
Healthy acute pain

**Nociceptive pain**  
healthy feeling pain 'pain'

**Inflammatory pain**  
healthy short lived after insult

**Chronic pain = disease of neuromatrix**

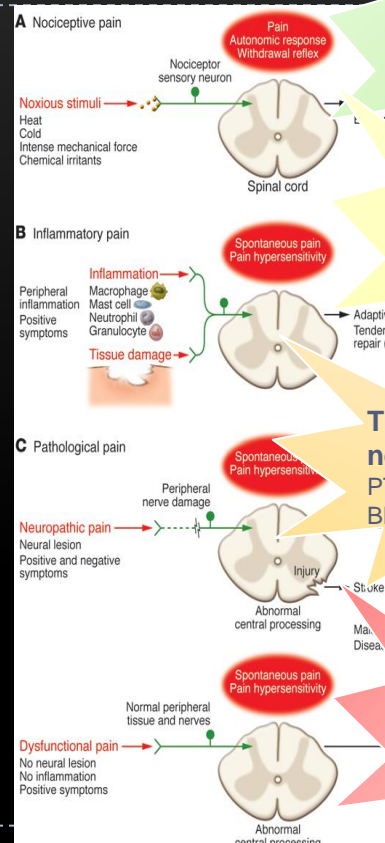
**Neuropathic pain**  
Associated with nerve lesion

**Dysfunctional or centralised pain**  
Unknown cause

**NOCICEPTIVE PAIN**

**NEUROPATHIC PAIN**

**NOCIPLASTIC PAIN**



Dentine sensitivity

Pulpitis reversible + irreversible  
Periapical periodontitis

**Trigeminal neuropathic pain**  
PTN, CPSP, 2y TN, BMS, PDAP/ PHN







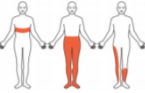

Fibromyalgia  
PIFP  
TMD  
arthromyalgia  
?

# Types of neuropathic pain

- ▶ In 1994, the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) defined neuropathic pain as “pain initiated or caused by a primary lesion or dysfunction in the nervous system.”
- ▶ In 2008, a task force initiated by the IASP Special Interest Group on Neuropathic Pain (NeuPSIG) noted the need to distinguish neuropathic pain from nociceptive pain arising indirectly from neurological disorders and pain conditions with secondary neuroplastic changes occurring in the nociceptive system, and proposed a new definition that omitted the term “dysfunction”:
- ▶ “pain arising as a direct consequence of a lesion or disease affecting the somatosensory system.”<sup>30</sup>
- ▶ A slightly modified version of this definition was proposed by the IASP Taxonomy Committee and accepted by the IASP: “**pain caused by a lesion or disease of the somatosensory nervous system.**”

Table 1

Common neuropathic pain conditions and neuroanatomically plausible distribution of pain symptoms and sensory signs.

Neuropathic pain condition	Neuroanatomically plausible distribution of pain and sensory signs	Illustration of typical distribution
Trigeminal neuralgia	Within the facial or intraoral trigeminal territory.	
Postherpetic neuralgia	Unilateral distributed in one or more spinal dermatomes or the trigeminal ophthalmic division.	
Peripheral nerve injury pain	In the innervation territory of the lesioned nerve, typically distal to a trauma, surgery, or compression.	
Postamputation pain	In the missing body part and/or in the residual limb.	
Painful polyneuropathy	In feet, may extend to involve lower legs, thighs, and hands.	
Painful radiculopathy	Distribution consistent with the innervation territory of the nerve root.	
Neuropathic pain associated with spinal cord injury	At and/or below the level of the spinal cord lesion.	
Central poststroke pain	Contralateral to the stroke. In lateral medullary infarction, the distribution can also involve the ipsilateral side of the face.	
Central neuropathic pain associated with multiple sclerosis	Can be a combination of distributions seen in spinal cord injury and stroke.	



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Total cost (including direct and indirect costs) of NP per patient was €10,313 in France (69% of the total cost), €14,446 in Germany (78%), €9,305 in Italy (69%), €10,597 in Spain (67%), and €9,685 in the UK (57%).

**Indirect costs** (ie, sick leave) constituted the majority of costs in all five countries: €7,098 in France, €11,232 in Germany, €6,382 in Italy, €7,066 in Spain, and €5,492 in the UK. In the subgroup analysis, total annual direct costs per patient were highest for neuropathic back pain and radiculopathy, and lowest for fibromyalgia.

Mean WPAI score range was 34.4–56.1; BPI interference was 4.1–4.8; and EQ-5D was 0.57–0.74. The results suggest that a significant proportion of the patient's work time in the previous week was affected by NP, and these are relatively high compared with other diseases such as diabetes, respiratory conditions, and arthritis.

The wider costs appear significantly higher to patients, carers/families, and society as a whole than to the health system alone.

## A burden of illness study for neuropathic pain in Europe

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**Purpose:** Neuropathic pain (NP) is often severe and represents a major humanistic and economic burden. This study aimed at providing insight on this burden across France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the UK, considering direct and indirect costs, productivity loss, and humanistic impact on patients and their families.

**Methods:** Physician questionnaires provided data on patients presenting with NP covering demographics, sick leave and retirement, number of consultations, drug treatments, and surgical procedures. Patients provided further demographic and disease-related data and completed the Work Productivity and Activity Impairment (WPAI), the EuroQol 5-Dimension (EQ-5D), and the Brief Pain Inventory (BPI) questionnaires. All health-related direct unitary costs were collected from relevant country-specific sources and adjusted to 2012 prices (€) where necessary. A subgroup analysis of costs based on diabetic peripheral neuropathy (n=894), fibromyalgia (n=300), and low back pain (n=963) was performed.

**Findings:** About 413 physicians completed a total of 3,956 patient records forms. Total annual direct health-care costs per patient ranged from €1,939 (Italy) to €3,131 (Spain). Annual professional caregiver costs ranged from €393 (France) to €1,242 (UK), but this only represented a small proportion of total care because much care is provided by family or friends. Sick leave costs ranged from €5,492 (UK) to €7,098 (France), with 10%–32% patients prevented from working at some point by NP. Total cost (including direct and indirect costs) of NP per patient was €10,313 in France (69% of the total cost), €14,446 in Germany (78%), €9,305 in Italy (69%), €10,597 in Spain (67%), and €9,685 in the UK (57%). Indirect costs (ie, sick leave) constituted the majority of costs in all five countries: €7,098 in France, €11,232 in Germany, €6,382 in Italy, €7,066 in Spain, and €5,492 in the UK. In the subgroup analysis, total annual direct costs per patient were highest for neuropathic back pain and radiculopathy, and lowest for fibromyalgia. Mean WPAI score range was 34.4–56.1; BPI interference was 4.1–4.8; and EQ-5D was 0.57–0.74. The results suggest that a significant proportion of the patient's work time in the previous week was affected by NP, and these are relatively high compared with other diseases such as diabetes, respiratory conditions, and arthritis.

**Implications:** Despite differences in practice between countries, these findings suggest a high opportunity cost for society in terms of lost work and productivity due to NP. The wider costs appear significantly higher to patients, carers/families, and society as a whole than to the health system alone.

**Keywords:** neuropathic pain, burden of illness, chronic lower back pain, productivity

### Introduction

Chronic pain is a distinct and well-recognized condition of the European adult population.<sup>1</sup> While the majority of

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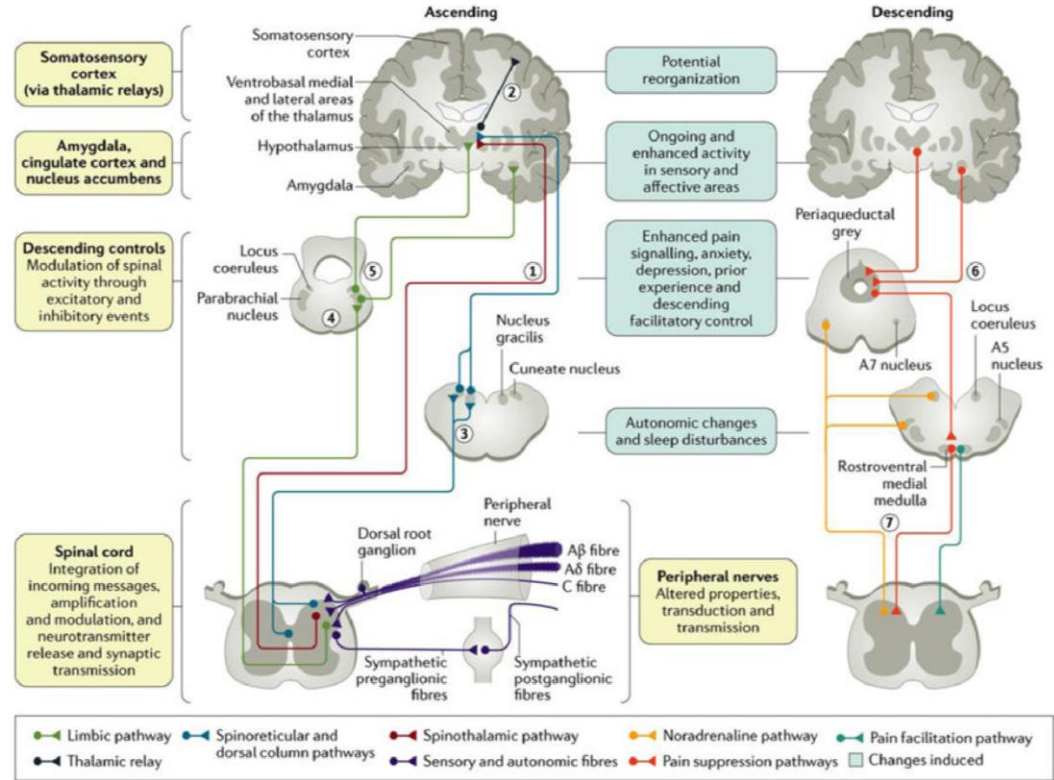
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# Pathophysiology

Figure 1. The peripheral and central changes induced by nerve injury or peripheral neuropathy. Preclinical animal studies have shown that damage to all sensory peripheral fibres (namely, A $\beta$ , A $\delta$  and C fibres; BOX 1) alters transduction and transmission due to altered ion channel function. These alterations affect spinal cord activity, leading to an excess of excitation coupled with a loss of inhibition. In the ascending afferent pathways, the sensory components of pain are via the spinothalamic pathway to the ventrobasal medial and lateral areas (1), which then project to the somatosensory cortex allowing for the location and intensity of pain to be perceived (2). The spinal cord also has spinothalamic projections and the dorsal column pathway to the cuneate nucleus and nucleus gracilis (3). Other limbic projections relay in the parabrachial nucleus (4) before contacting the hypothalamus and amygdala, where central autonomic function, fear and anxiety are altered (5). Descending efferent pathways from the amygdala and hypothalamus (6) drive the periaqueductal grey, the locus coeruleus, A5 and A7 nuclei and the rostroventral medial medulla. These brainstem areas then project to the spinal cord through descending noradrenaline (inhibition via  $\alpha$ 2 adrenoceptors), and, in neuropathy, there is a loss of this control and increased serotonin descending excitation via 5-HT3 receptors (7). The changes induced by peripheral neuropathy on peripheral and central functions are shown. Adapted with permission from REF. 38, Mechanisms and management of diabetic painful distal symmetrical polyneuropathy, American Diabetes Association, 2013. Copyright and all rights reserved. Material from this publication has been used with the permission of American Diabetes Association.



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## Neuropathic pain

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## Definitions – do not confuse nomenclature!

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- ▶ **Neuralgia** – nerve pain
- ▶ **Neuropathic pain (IASP)**  
Pain caused by a lesion or disease of the somatosensory nervous system.
- ▶ **Neuropathy (IASP)**  
A disturbance of function or pathological change in a nerve: in one nerve, mononeuropathy; in several nerves, mononeuropathy multiplex; if diffuse and bilateral, polyneuropathy.
- ▶ *Note:* **Neuritis** (q.v.) is a special case of neuropathy and is now reserved for inflammatory processes affecting nerves.
  - ▶ sensory (touch, heat, pain)
  - ▶ motor (movement)





# Chronic post surgical pain (CPSP) or NeP?

Haroutiunian S, Nikolajsen L, Finnerup NB, Jensen TS. The neuropathic component in persistent postsurgical pain: a systematic literature review. *Pain*. 2013 Jan;154(1):95-102. doi: 10.1016/j.pain.2012.09.010.

Persistent postsurgical pain (PPSP) is a frequent and often disabling complication of many surgical procedures.

Nerve injury-induced neuropathic pain (NeuP) has repeatedly been proposed as a major cause of PPSP. However, there is a lack of uniformity in NeuP assessment across studies, and the prevalence of NeuP may differ after various surgeries.

We performed a systematic search of the PubMed, CENTRAL, and Embase databases and assessed 281 studies that investigated PPSP after 11 types of surgery.

The prevalence of PPSP in each surgical group was examined. The prevalence of NeuP was determined by applying the recently published NeuP probability grading system. The prevalence of probable or definite NeuP was high in patients with persistent pain after thoracic and breast surgeries-66% and 68%, respectively. In patients with PPSP after groin hernia repair, the prevalence of NeuP was 31%, and after total hip or knee arthroplasty it was 6%.

The results suggest that the prevalence of NeuP among PPSP cases differs in various types of surgery, probably depending on the likelihood of surgical iatrogenic nerve injury. Because of large methodological variability across studies, a more uniform approach is desirable in future studies for evaluating persistent postsurgical NeuP.

	Estimated incidence of chronic pain	Estimated chronic severe (disabling) pain (>5 out of score of 10)	US surgical volumes (1000s)†
Amputation <sup>2</sup>	30-50%	5-10%	159 (lower limb only)
Breast surgery (lumpectomy and mastectomy) <sup>3</sup>	20-30%	5-10%	479
Thoracotomy <sup>4-7</sup>	30-40%	10%	Unknown
Inguinal hernia repair <sup>8-10</sup>	10%	2-4%	609
Coronary artery bypass surgery <sup>11-13</sup>	30-50%	5-10%	598
Caesarean section <sup>14</sup>	10%	4%	220

\*Gall bladder surgery not included, since preoperative diagnosis of pain specifically from gall bladder is difficult and persistent postoperative pain could therefore be related to other intra-abdominal disorders. †National Center For Health Statistics, Ambulatory and Inpatients Procedures, USA, 1996.

**Table 1: Estimated incidence of chronic postoperative pain and disability after selected surgical procedures\***

30% get persistent pain 10% are severely affected  
Very few related to dentistry likely due to LA

Kehlet H *et al*, 2006 *Lancet*



### Table 3. Core Diagnostic Criteria for Persistent Posttraumatic Neuropathic Pain

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\*This pain may occur even if there was a deliberate attempt to spare the large nerves crossing the surgical area (eg, in breast surgery).

<sup>†</sup>There is a spontaneous decline in reporting of pain >12 mo after surgery/trauma. Relevant citations in support of these diagnostic criteria are Bruehl,<sup>34</sup> Duffy et al,<sup>77</sup> Guo et al,<sup>107</sup> Haldar et al,<sup>109</sup> Pappagallo et al,<sup>187</sup> Teerijoki-Oksa et al,<sup>224</sup> and Wildgaard et al.<sup>247</sup>

#### Focus Article

#### AAPT Diagnostic Criteria for Peripheral Neuropathic Pain: Focal and Segmental Disorders



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# Post Traumatic neuropathic pain PTNP (ICOP)

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## 4.1.2.3 Post-traumatic trigeminal neuropathic pain

- ▶ Previously used terms: Anaesthesia dolorosa; painful post-traumatic trigeminal neuropathy.
- ▶ Description: Unilateral or bilateral facial or oral pain following and caused by trauma to the trigeminal nerve(s), with other symptoms and/or clinical signs of trigeminal nerve dysfunction, and persisting or recurring for more than 3 months.
- ▶ *4.1.2.3.1 Probable post-traumatic trigeminal neuropathic pain*
- ▶ *Diagnostic criterion: A. Pain fulfilling all but criterion B2 for 4.1.2.3 Posttraumatic trigeminal neuropathic pain.*

## 4.1.2.4 Trigeminal neuropathic pain attributed to other disorder

## 4.1.2.5 Idiopathic trigeminal neuropathic pain

Description: Unilateral or bilateral facial pain in the distribution(s) of one or more branches of the trigeminal nerve

## Diagnostic criteria:

- A. Pain, in a neuroanatomically plausible area within the distribution(s) of one or both trigeminal nerve(s), persisting or recurring for >3 months and fulfilling criteria C and D
- B. Both of the following:
  1. history of a mechanical, thermal, radiation or chemical injury to the peripheral trigeminal nerve(s)
  2. diagnostic test confirmation<sup>1</sup> of a lesion of the peripheral trigeminal nerve(s) explaining the pain<sup>2</sup>
- C. Onset within 6 months after the injury
- D. Associated with somatosensory symptoms and/or signs<sup>4</sup> in the same neuroanatomically plausible distribution
- E. Not better accounted for by another ICOP or ICHD-3 diagnosis.





# Grading of neuropathic pain

Comprehensive Review

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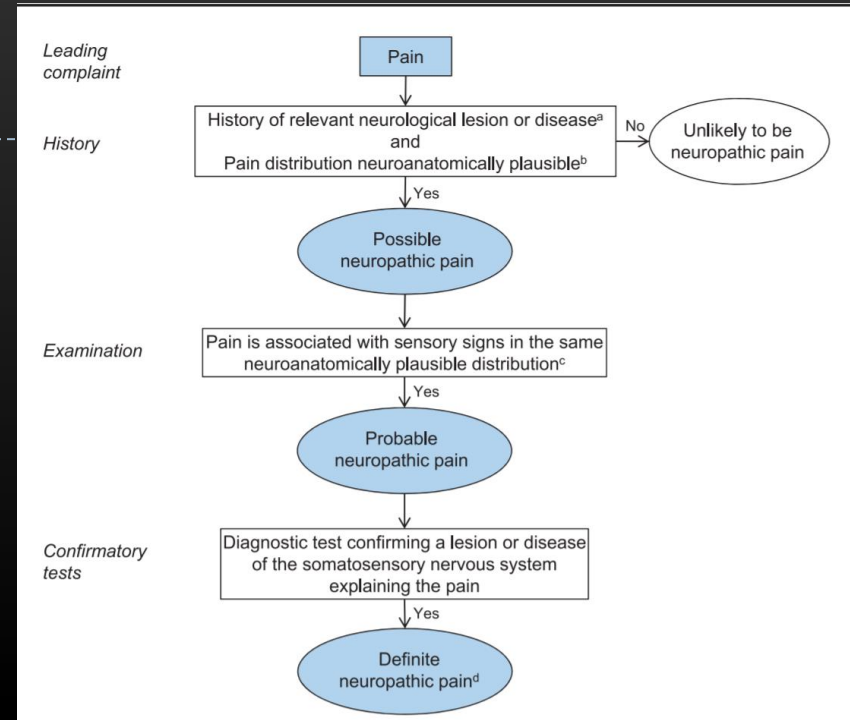
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### Neuropathic pain: an updated grading system for research and clinical practice

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**Abstract**  
The redefinition of neuropathic pain as "pain arising as a direct consequence of a lesion or disease affecting the somatosensory system," which was suggested by the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) Special Interest Group on Neuropathic Pain (NeuPSIG) in 2008, has been widely accepted. In contrast, the proposed grading system of possible, probable, and definite neuropathic pain from 2008 has been used to a lesser extent. Here, we report a citation analysis of the original NeuPSIG grading paper of 2008, followed by an analysis of its use by an expert panel and recommendations for an improved grading system. As of February, 2015, 608 eligible articles in Scopus cited the paper, 414 of which cited the neuropathic pain definition. Of 220 clinical studies citing the paper, 56 had used the grading system. The percentage using the grading system increased from 5% in 2009 to 30% in 2014. Obstacles to a wider use of the grading system were identified, including (1) questions about the relative significance of confirmatory tests, (2) the role of screening tools, and (3) uncertainties about what is considered a neuroanatomically plausible pain distribution. Here, we present a revised grading system with an adjusted order, better reflecting clinical practice, improvements in the specifications, and a word of caution that even the "definite" level of neuropathic pain does not always indicate causality. In addition, we add a table illustrating the area of pain and sensory abnormalities in common neuropathic pain conditions and propose areas for further research.

**Keywords:** Neuropathic pain, Definition, Grading, Possible, Probable, Definite



Compared to the grading system published in 2008, we have (1) changed the order of the grading criteria to better reflect clinical practice. (2) annotated the terms used to improve clarity. (3) recognized the role of screening tools (questionnaires) in neuropathic pain evaluation. (4) emphasized that reaching the final level of certainty (definite neuropathic pain) confirms clinically that a lesion or disease of the somatosensory nervous system can explain the pain but, as often in neurology, it does not establish causality (ie, there may still be other causes of the pain such as a diabetic ulcer). The main purpose of the grading system is to help in the classification of the pain as neuropathic.

# Exclude non-traumatic Neuropathic pain

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Identified cause  
Neuropathic

V (TN), IX, VII  
classic neuralgias-  
TN classical

PDAP II

Ne pain/PTN (CPSP)  
metabolic, infection, MS,  
neoplasia, vascular  
(autoimmune)

## Nutritional deficiencies

Fe, Ferritin, Zinc, Magnesium,  
Vit B complex, D, E

## Malignancy

Compression by a space occupying lesion centrally or peripherally NEOPLASIA

Metabolic Acromegaly, Hormonal neuropathy (Hypothyroidism, Diabetes),

Infarction (sickle cell hypoxic neural damage, giant cell arteritis)

Demyelination (Multiple sclerosis)

Infection Post viral neuropathy, Bacterial, Leprosy

Toxic Heavy metal poisoning (lead, mercury) radiation, thermal, chemotherapy, drugs

Auto immune problems: Lupus, Rheumatoid disease

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▶ Sarcoidosis and amyloidosis

Any spontaneous neuropathy  
think Red flags of malignancy

• Over 50 years
• Previous history of Carcinoma
• Smoking /alcohol/ Betel nut/ Pan
• Night fevers
• Weight loss
• Blood loss/ anaemia

NHS 2 (NICE 3) weeks

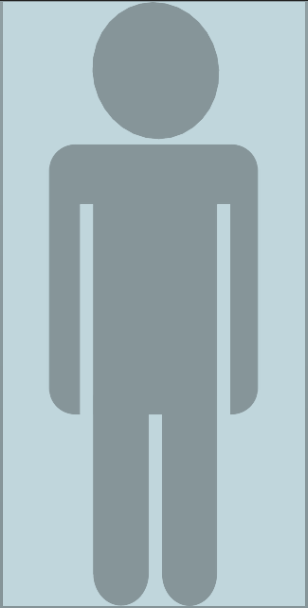


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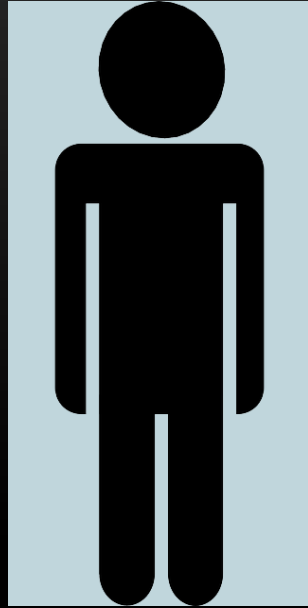
• Recent onset
• Rapid growth
• Neuropathy - sensory or motor
• Resorption of adjacent structures
• Localised mobility of teeth
• Progressive trismus
• Persistent painless ulcer
• Lymphadenopathy painless persistent
• Lack of response to conventional treatments:
– Antibiotics
– Endodontic surgery

# Overview

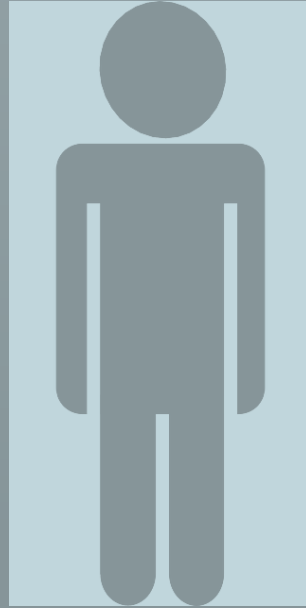
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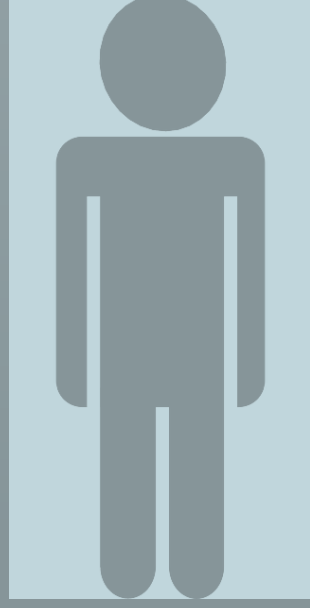
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## When pain gets stuck: the evolution of pain chronification and treatment resistance

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## Pain vulnerability: a neurobiological perspective

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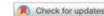
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There are many known risk factors for chronic pain conditions, yet the biological underpinnings that link these factors to abnormal processing of painful signals are only just beginning to be explored. This Review will discuss the potential mechanisms that have been proposed to underlie vulnerability and resilience toward developing chronic pain. Particular focus will be given to genetic and epigenetic processes, priming effects on a cellular level, and alterations in brain networks concerned with reward, motivation/learning and descending modulatory control. Although research in this area is still in its infancy, a better understanding of how pain vulnerability emerges has the potential to help identify individuals at risk and may open up new therapeutic avenues.

Considerable advances have been made in understanding the neurobiology of chronic pain over the last two decades. The molecular mechanisms leading to amplification of pain-related signals in chronic pain states have been dissected. An unexpected contribution of non-neuronal cells in the CNS has been discovered, and functional, as well as structural, connectivity studies have revealed a brain organization

likely to develop certain chronic pain conditions, as are older people, although age may function as a protective factor in some instances. The influence of genetics is supported by twin and population-based studies, which clearly indicate that painful conditions and acute pain sensitivity *per se* are heritable (see ref. 5 for a recent review). Other risk factors related to an individual's personal and environmental

### COMMENTARY



## Pain chronification: what should a non-pain medicine specialist know?

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### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** Pain is one of the most common reasons for an individual to consult their primary care physician, with most chronic pain being treated in the primary care setting. However, many primary care physicians/non-pain medicine specialists lack enough awareness, education and skills to manage pain patients appropriately, and there is currently no clear, common consensus/formal definition of "pain chronification".

**Methods:** This article is based on an International Consensus Pain Clinic Advisory Board meeting which

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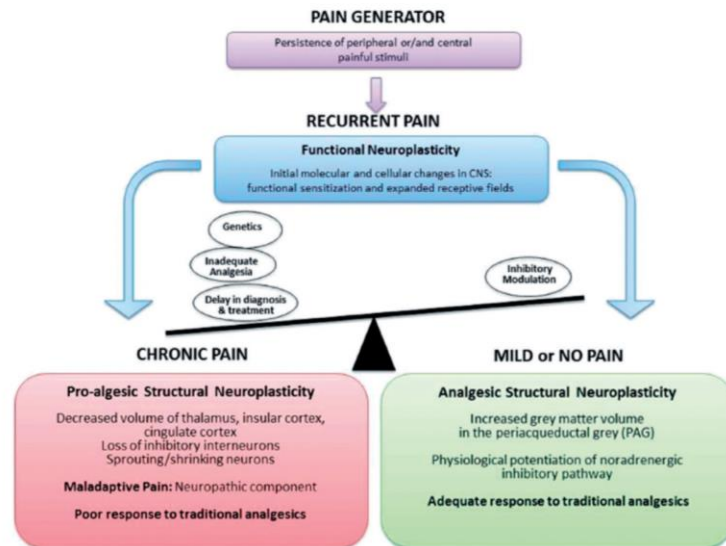


Figure 1. From the physiological perspective, an imbalance between enhanced ascending nociceptive inputs and inadequate inhibitory descending pathways is responsible for pain chronification<sup>6</sup>. Reproduced with permission from Coluzzi et al.<sup>6</sup>



# Summary risk factors for PTPN /chronic post surgical pain

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## Resultant sensory nerve injury

Large neuropathic area  
Thermal allodynia  
Mechanical allodynia  
Hyperalgesia

## Surgical factors

**Type of surgery**

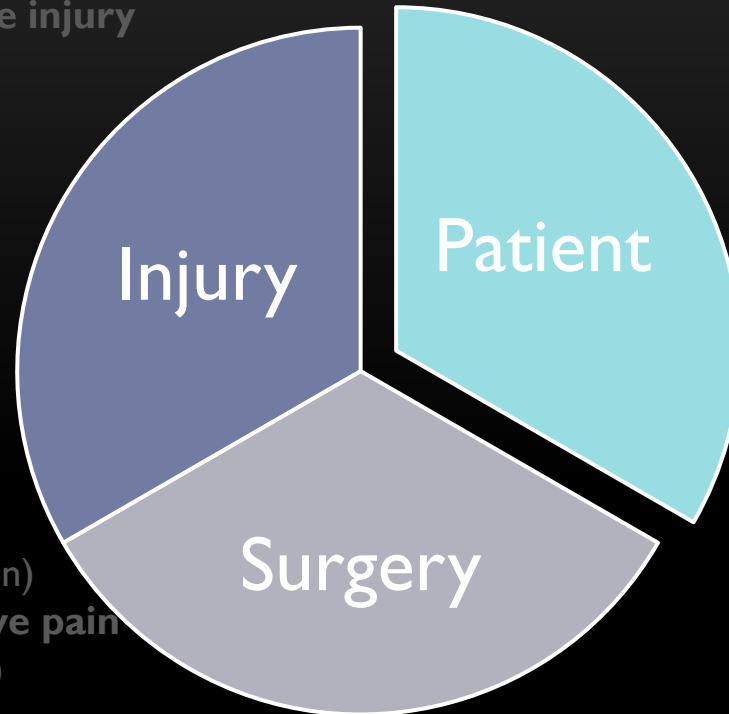
**Site**

**Minimise nerve injury**

(Tissue tension & Duration)

**High level perioperative pain**

(Lack of local anaesthesia)



Age > 50 yrs

Female

**Multiple pain conditions**

**Social Factors**

**Axis II Psychological factors**

Mood anxiety / depression  
Introversion, neuroticism,  
hypervigilance, catastrophising  
Fear of surgery  
Fear of pain

**Poor pain modulation DNIC  
positive tests**

**Genetics**

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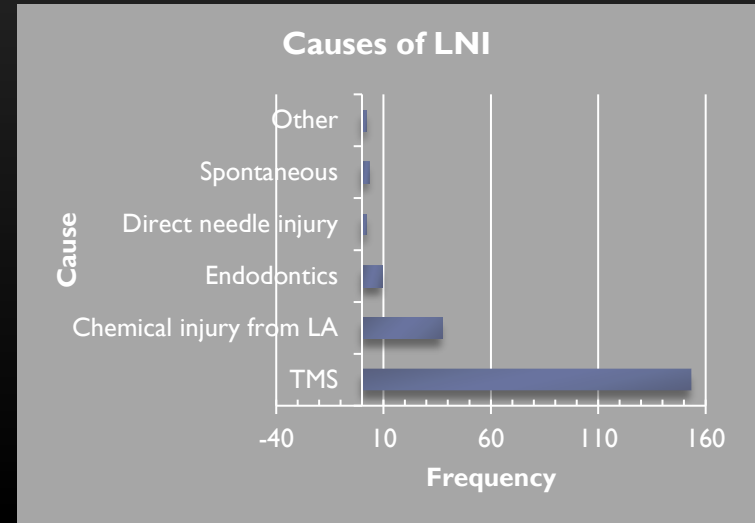
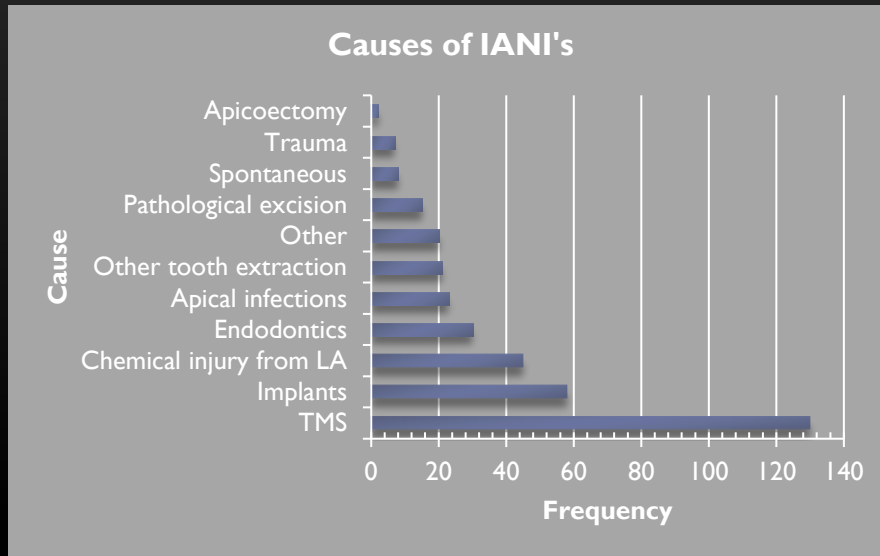
**Epigenetics**

Prior abuse and neglect

**OMICS ????**

# Dentistry causes of nerve injuries + neuropathic pain

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- ▶ **Summary of nerve injury patients** March 2008 –2016
  - ▶ 400 IANI patients (73% F: 26.8% M; mean age = 46.5 years [range 18 – 85])
  - ▶ 214 LNI patients (64.5% F: 34.6% M; mean age = 38.6 years [range 20 -73])
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# Predictive patient factors

- ▶ **Presurgical pain intensity, child anxiety, child pain coping efficacy, and parental pain catastrophizing** were the only presurgical factors identified as predictive of CPSP. Biological and medical factors assessed were not associated with CPSP in any study. Well-designed studies examining prevalence and predictors of CPSP are critically needed in children.
- ▶ The biopsychosocial model of pain is central to our understanding of factors involved in the development and maintenance of CPSP.
- ▶ **Several presurgical risk factors for CPSP have been consistently identified in adults undergoing surgery, including biological factors (older age, female sex), medical factors (greater presurgical pain), and psychosocial factors (higher levels of presurgical anxiety and pain catastrophizing)**<sup>7–10</sup>.

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### Prevalence and predictors of chronic postsurgical pain in children: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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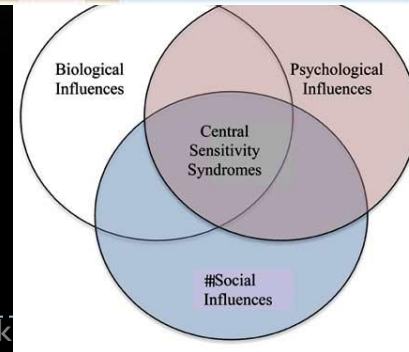
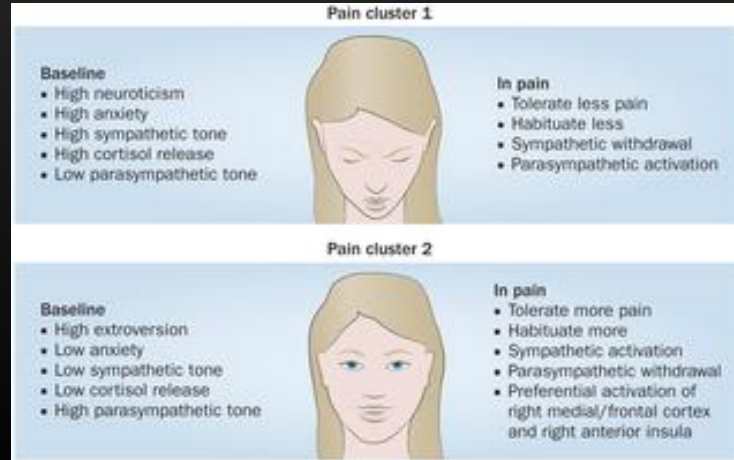
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#### Abstract

Emerging research suggests that pain may persist longer-term for many children after major surgery, with significant impact on their health outcomes. This systematic review identified the prevalence of chronic postsurgical pain (CPSP) in children after surgery, and determined presurgical biomedical and psychosocial risk factors associated with CPSP prevalence or severity. Prospective studies assessing CPSP 3–12 months after surgery in children 6–18 years of age published in English in MEDLINE, EMBASE, PsycINFO, and Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews since 1996 were eligible for inclusion. Of 16,084 abstracts yielded by the search, 123 full

# Psychosocial risk factors predictive of CPSP

- ▶ Cognitive
  - ▶ Fear of surgery and anxiety
  - ▶ Fear of pain
- ▶ Personality disorder
  - ▶ increased preoperative anxiety
  - ▶ Introverted personality
  - ▶ Catastrophizing
  - ▶ Poor coping skills
  - ▶ Hypervigilance state
- ▶ Psychological vulnerability – pain related fear
- ▶ Social support
- ▶ Solicitous responding
  - ▶ Empathetic spouse encouraging negative behaviour
  - ▶ Munchausen



▶ **Katz J, Seltzer Z.** Transition from acute to chronic postsurgical pain: risk factors. *Expert Rev Neurother.* 2009 May;9(5):723-44. doi: 10.1586/ern.09.20. Review.

# Type of patient

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**Nociception**

Sensation

**Behaviour**

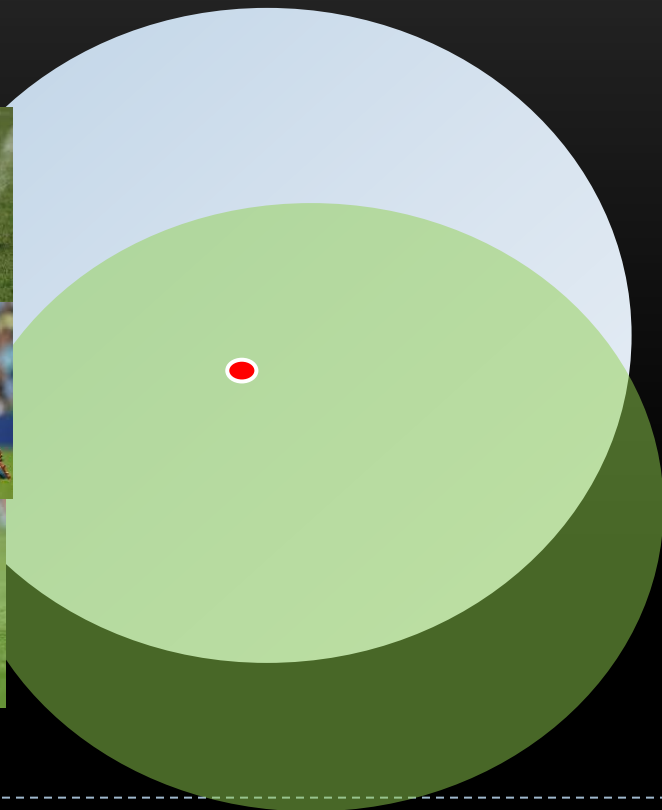
Suffering





# Type of patient

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W  
I  
M  
P  
S



# Type of patient

WW

Women  
GWAS

II

Injury- PTSD  
Inhibition is poor  
with low pain  
modulation

M

Mood disorders  
Anxiety & Stress

PP

Personality  
disorders

introspective, catastrophiser and  
hypervigilance

Prior abuse and  
neglect

S

Sleep deprivation  
Stress



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Using the symbols given below, mark the areas on your body where you feel the described symptoms. Include all affected areas. Just to complete the picture, mark the face.

Front	Back
Numberness 	
Pins and Needles OOOOO	
Burning XXXXXX	
Stabbing /////	
Ache AAAA	



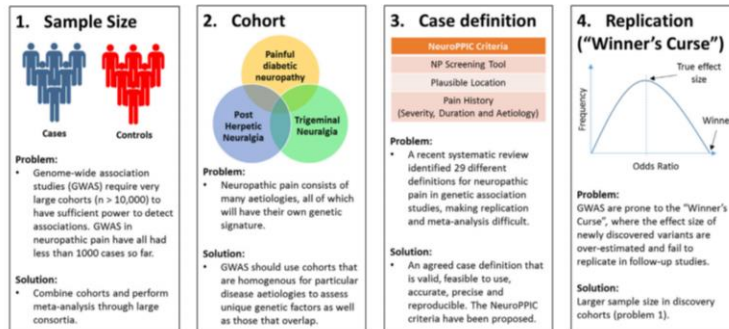
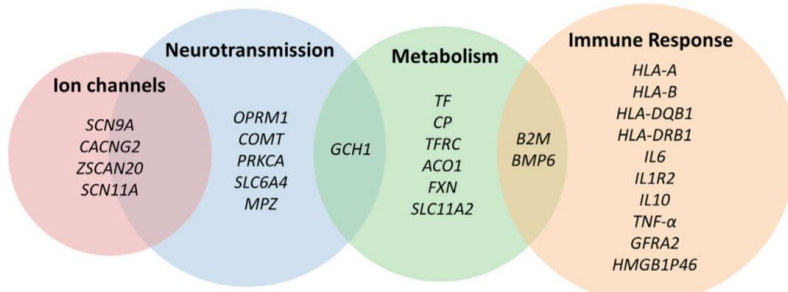
# The Genetics of Neuropathic Pain from Model Organisms to Clinical Application

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<sup>8</sup>Departments of Anesthesia and Neurobiology, Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA  
<sup>9</sup>Present address: Institute of Neuroscience and Psychology, College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences, University of Glas 2. The Challenges of Conducting Genome-wide Association Studies in NeuP  
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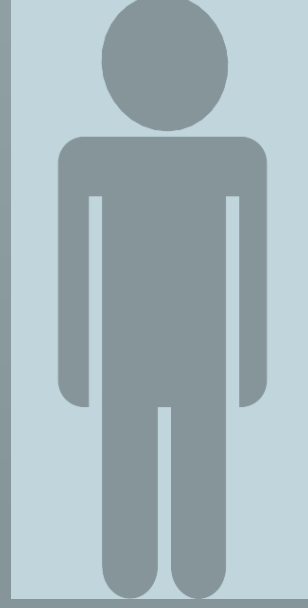
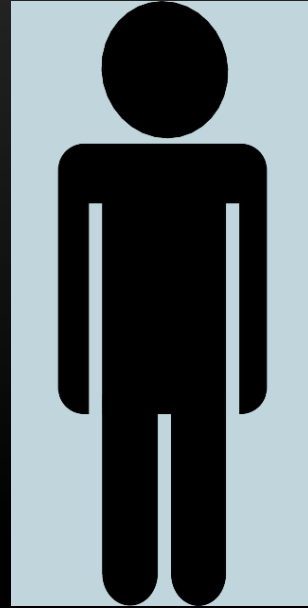
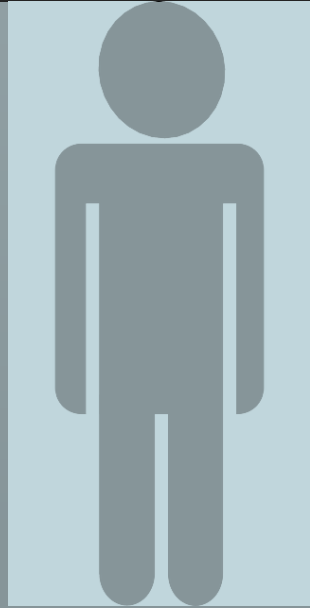
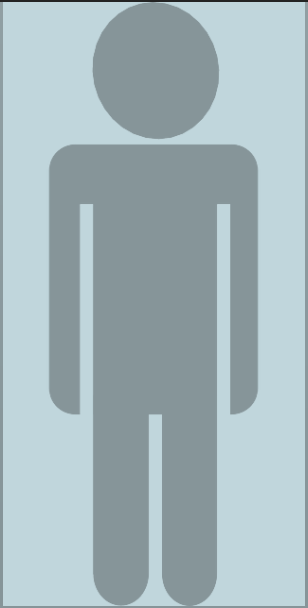
**Figure 3. A Venn Diagram of Genes Reaching Study Specific or Suggestive Significance in Human Candidate Gene and Genome-wide Studies So Far in NeuP and the Overlap of Biological Pathways**  
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# Overview



What is Post Traumatic  
Neuropathic pain  
PTNP?

Who gets PTNP?

Why prevent  
PTNP?

How to prevent  
these injuries?





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## Incorrect diagnosis of Endo PTNP



# Why are nerve injuries such a big deal ?

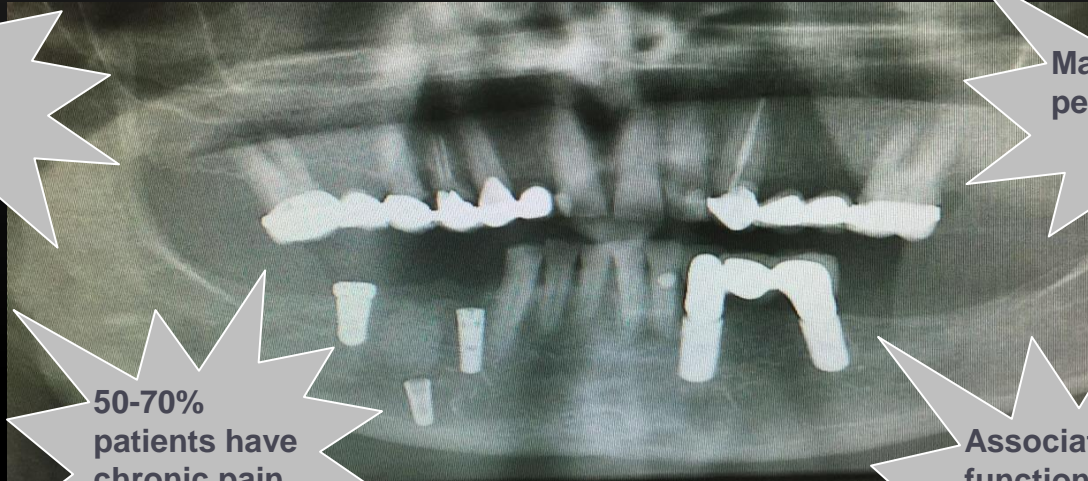
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**Avoidable /  
negligent**

**50-70%  
patients have  
chronic pain**

**Mainly  
permanent**

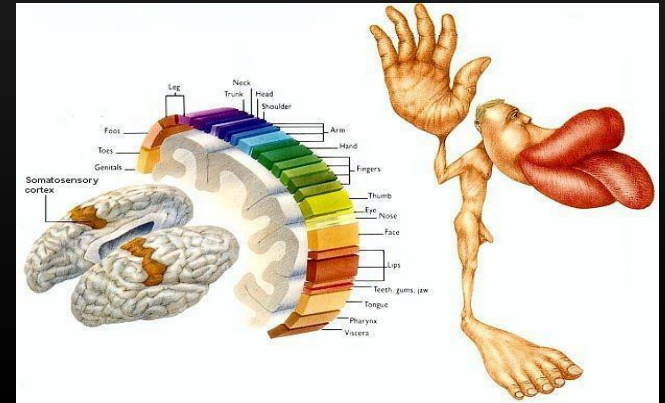
**Associated  
functional and  
psychological  
impact**



# Particular issues with Trigeminal pain?

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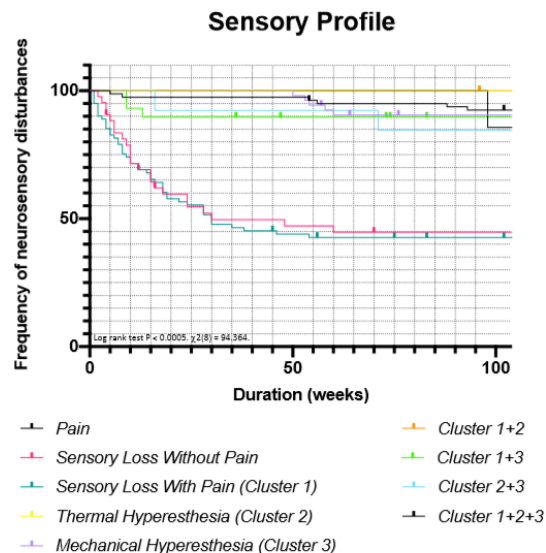
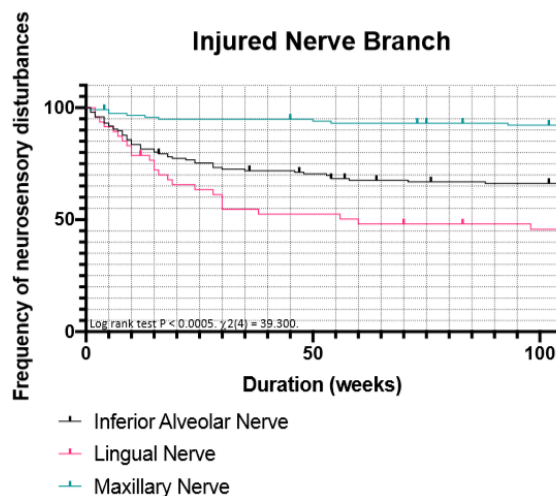
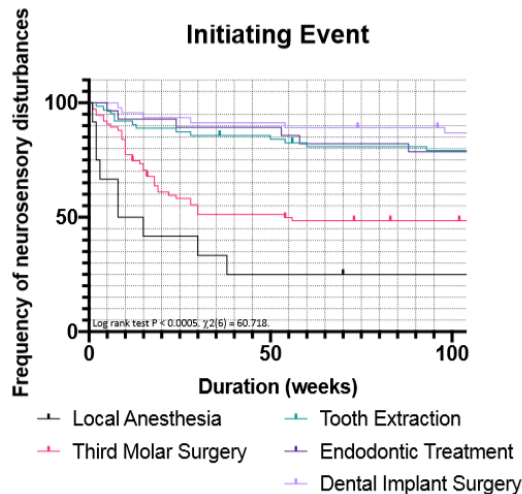
- ▶ Big part of our lives
- ▶ Underpins the primordial survival instincts
- ▶ Constant unavoidable activity
- ▶ Underpins daily pleasure in health
  - ▶ Eating
  - ▶ Drinking
  - ▶ Speaking
  - ▶ Smiling
  - ▶ Sexual interaction
- ▶ **Underpins our identity!**



▶ ~~Most nerve injuries are permanent and cannot be fixed~~

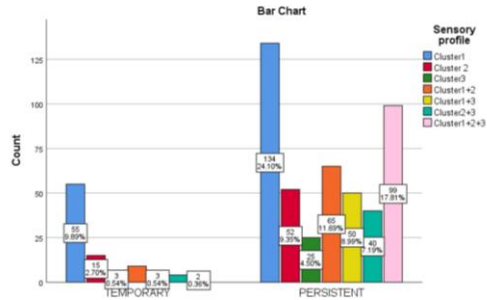
# Prognosis V Nerve injuries N=1331

Kaplan–Meier analysis of neurosensory disturbances over time comparing the injured nerve branch (A), initiating event (B), and sensory profile (C).



# Predictive prognosis by clustering n=1331

## Persistent vs temporary between clusters



**Chi-Square Tests**

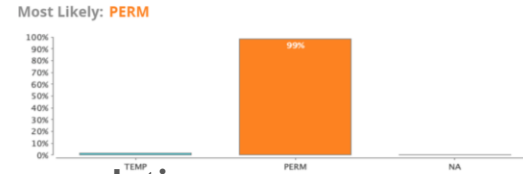
Value	df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	67.206 <sup>a</sup>	.000
Likelihood Ratio	78.089	.000
N of Valid Cases	632	

a. 10 cells (15.7%) have expected count less than 5. The minimum expected count is .66.

### Positive factors for resolution

- LA or M3M cause
- EQ5D low pain
- Lingual nerve
- Sensory loss with or without pain

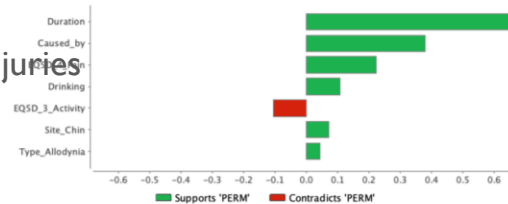
## Prediction Model RapidMiner (generalized linear model)



### Negative factors for resolution

- EQ5D poor activity
- Allodynia
- Endo Implant nerve injuries
- Maxillary nerve
- Duration of NI

### Important Factors for PERM



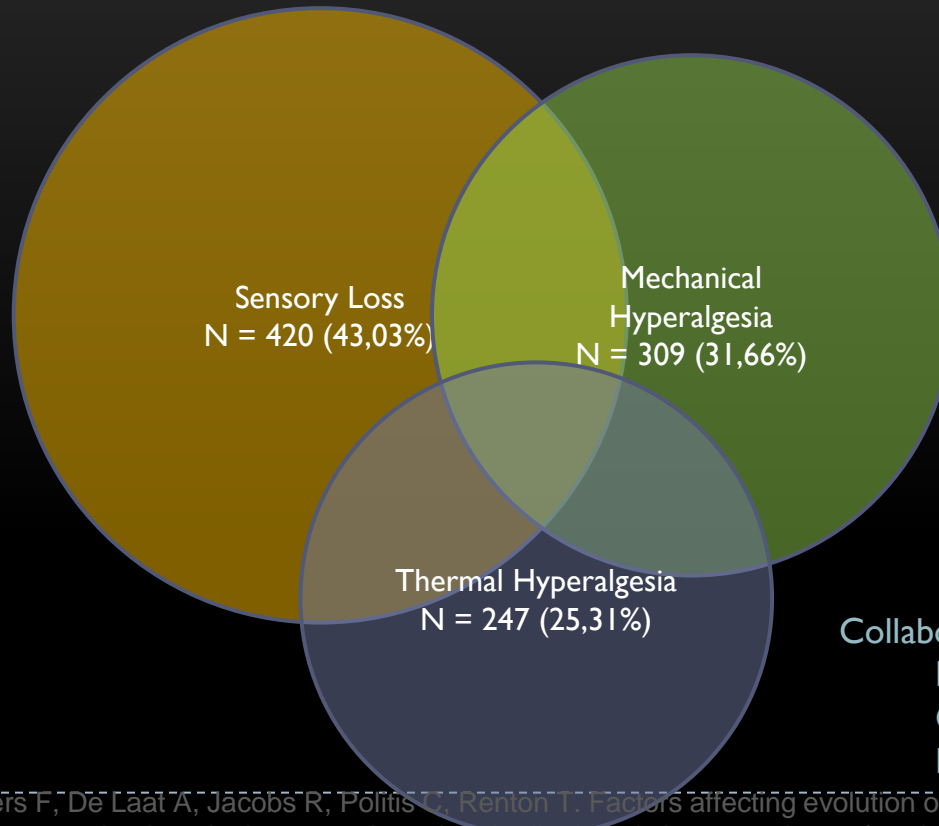
Collaboration with University of Leuven

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# Clustering of Sensory Profiles (N = 976) in press

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# Consequences

## Neuropathy causing functional problems

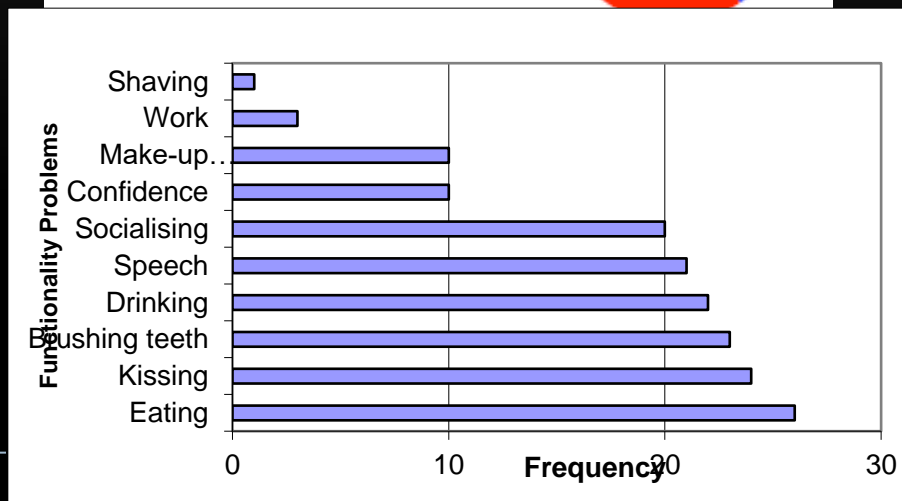
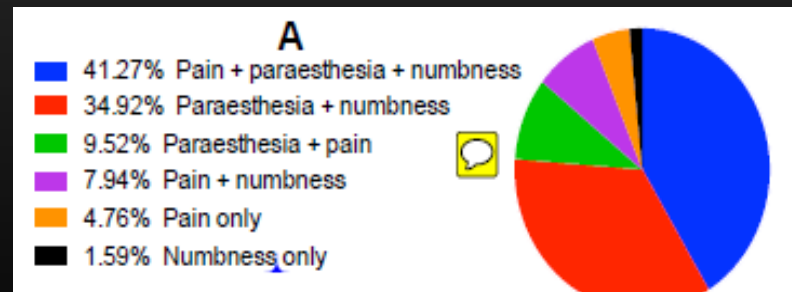
Recent study @ KCL on 100 implant nerve injury patients

**95% of implant nerve injury neuropathic pain**

**92% permanent**

Functional and psychological impact

Renton T, Dawood A, Shah A, Searson L, Yilmaz Z. Post-implant neuropathy of the trigeminal nerve. A case series. Br Dent J. 2012 Jun 8;212(11):E17. doi: 10.1038/sj.bdj.2012.497

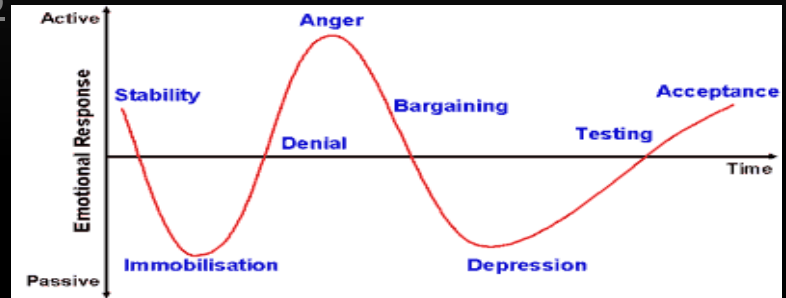


# Psychological consequences

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- ▶ Depression
- ▶ Anger
- ▶ Post traumatic stress disorder 68%
- ▶ Victim of abuse
- ▶ Loss of ability to trust

## *Kubler Ross*



The psychosocial and affective burden of posttraumatic neuropathy following injuries to the trigeminal nerve. **Smith JG, Elias LA, Yilmaz Z, Barker S, Shah K, Shah S, Renton T.** *J Orofac Pain.* 2013 Fall;27(4):293-303. doi: 10.11607/jop.105 Sullivan MJ et al. Catastrophizing and perceived injustice: risk factors for the transition to chronicity after whiplash injury. *Spine (Phila Pa 1976).* 2011 Dec 1;36(25-Suppl):S244-9 Dec;92(12):2041-56. Review

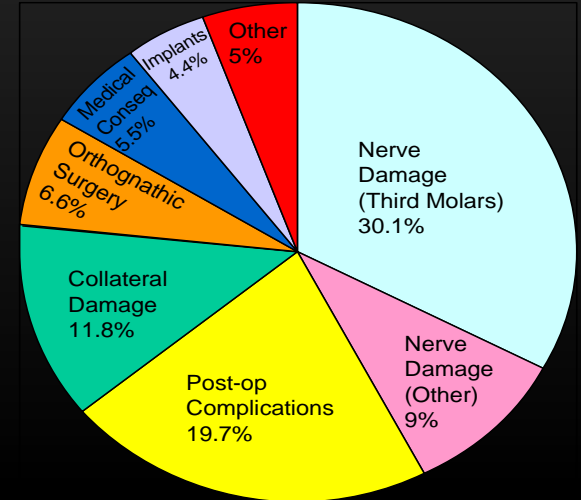
# Medicolegal consequences

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Nerve damage related to dental procedures are often NEGLIGENT as they are elective surgery and damage is avoidable.

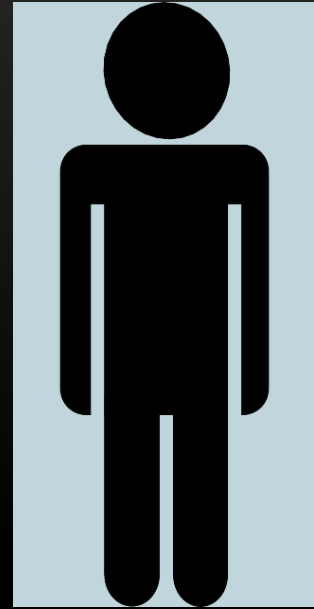
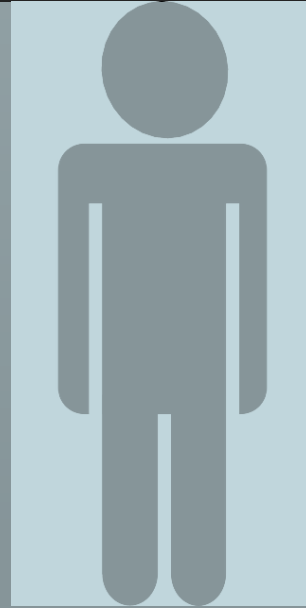
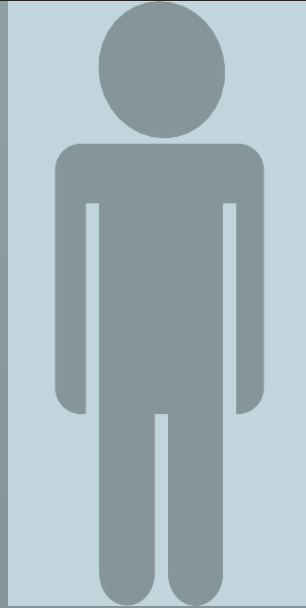
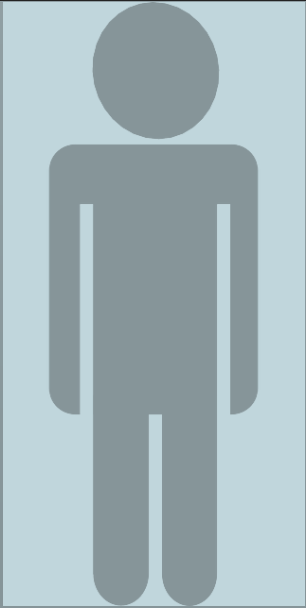
▶ This results in litigation and Settlements getting more expensive

▶ Implant related cases settlements \$1-3 million (2011)



# Overview

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What is Post Traumatic  
Neuropathic pain  
PTNP?

Who gets PTNP?

Why prevent  
PTNP?

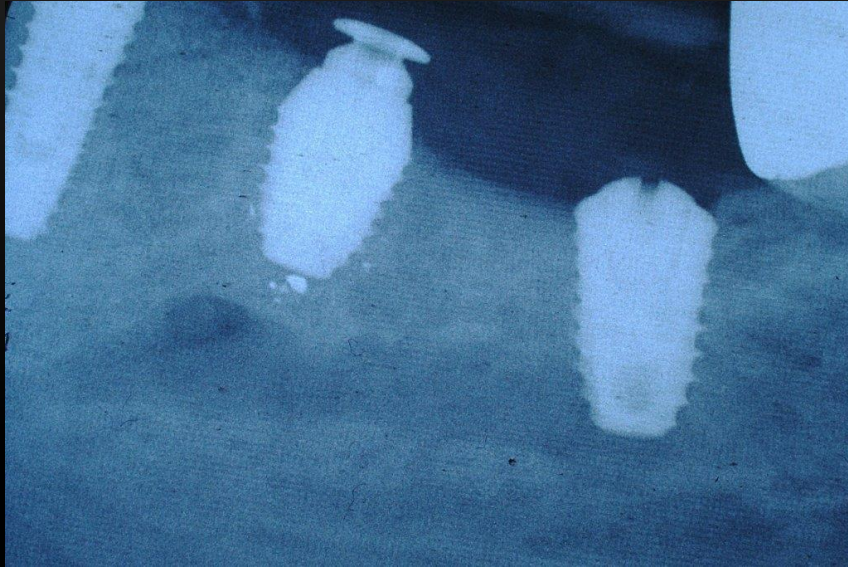
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# Preventing dentistry related nerve injury and PTNP

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## How do we prevent these injuries?

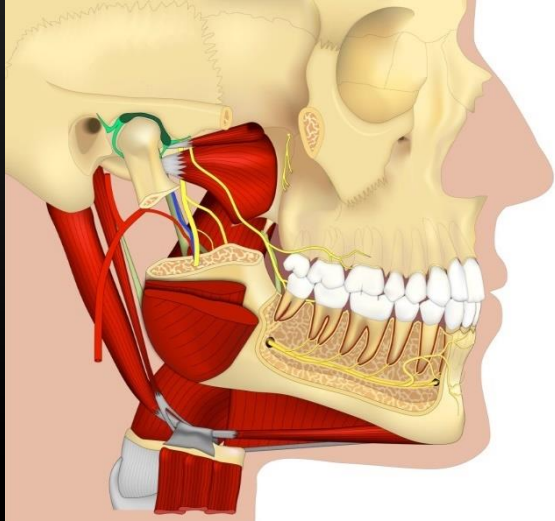
- ▶ Managing patients expectations
- ▶ Risk assessment and management
- ▶ Operative technique
- ▶ Post op follow up
- ▶ Recognition and early medical and or surgical intervention (if indicated)





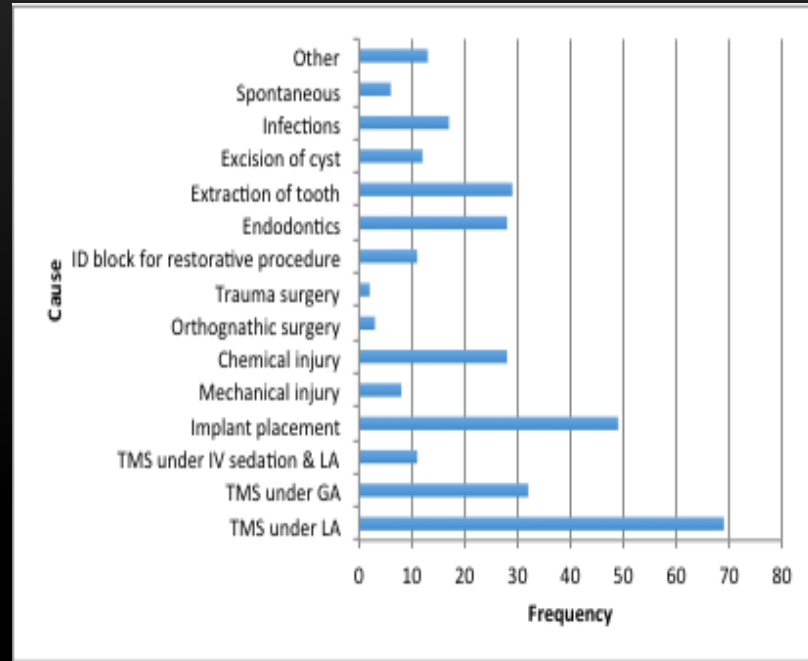
# Prevention of Trigeminal Post Traumatic Painful Neuropathy?

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Local anaesthesia  
Dental Implants  
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Third molar surgery

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## Risk factors for persistent neuropathy related to IDBs

In order to minimise complications related to dental LA you need to consider modifying the following risks;

- **Block anaesthesia** Nerve block injections should be undertaken without intent on direct 'hit' of the nerve. 60% of patients who experience the 'funny bone' neuralgia due to the IDB needle being placed too close to the lingual or inferior alveolar nerves experience persistent neuropathy (20)
- **Lingual nerve > IAN** Is this technique related or anatomically related (less fascicles in recovery). Perhaps the direct IDB approach may place the lingual nerve at increased risk compared to indirect technique. (14)
- **Concentration of LA** Any increased concentration of any agent leads to increased neurotoxicity
- **Volume of LA** There is no evidence to support this suggestion. Higher volumes are neurotoxic, dependent upon the proximity, LA concentration, neural damage additionally add to potential neurotoxicity.
- **Multiple injections** Second or subsequent injections that impede direct nerve block are not associated with the usual 'funny bone' neuralgic pain. Thus the patient does not know they are not being rendered the nerves more at risk of direct damage.
- **Severe pain on injection** 60% increased occurrence of persistent neuropathy after IDBs
- **Type of LA Agent** Bupivacaine most neurotoxic of all LA agents
- **Type of vasoconstrictor?** The role of vasoconstrictor in nerve damage is unknown
- **Sedated or anaesthetized patients?** There is no evidence to support unresponsive patients are likely to protect themselves when neuralgia (funny bone reaction) occurs as the IDB needle encroaches on the nerve.
- **Lack of LA aspiration?** Again there is no evidence to support that aspiration during IDBs leads to persistent neuropathies but a pragmatic view may infer less chemical injected intra neural space = less chemical nerve injury.

Block injections

Multiple injections

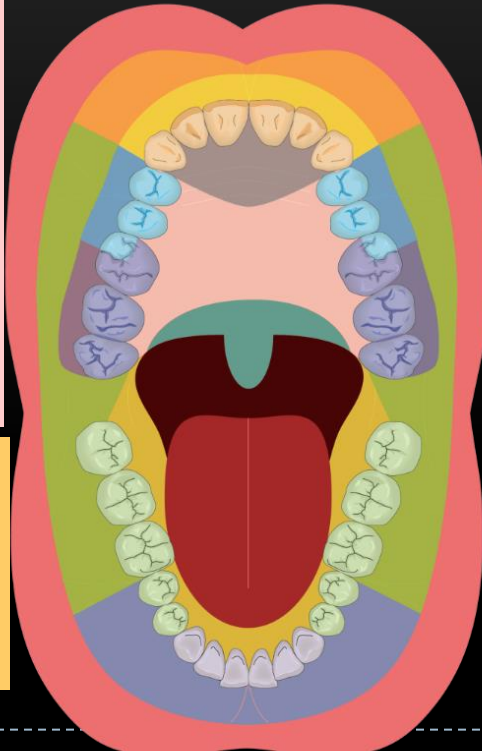
Type and concentration of LA agents

Extreme pain during injections

# Infiltration dentistry is dependant upon the site and procedure

**Maxillary dentistry** can be performed entirely using Lidocaine 2% with adrenaline for all procedures  
Buccal infiltration with intra-septal injections  
No additional benefit using 4% Articaine  
No palatal or incisal blocks are indicated

**IDBS needed for**  
Posterior mandibular molar  
Endodontic procedures may require IDBs or higher techniques (Gow Gates or Akinosi)



## **Mandibular 7s and 8s for perio, restorations or implants**

Articaine 4% buccal infiltration and Lidocaine 2% lingual infiltrations OR for **extractions** intraligamental  
If fails may need lidocaine IDB

## **Mandibular 1<sup>st</sup> molars for perio, restorations or implants**

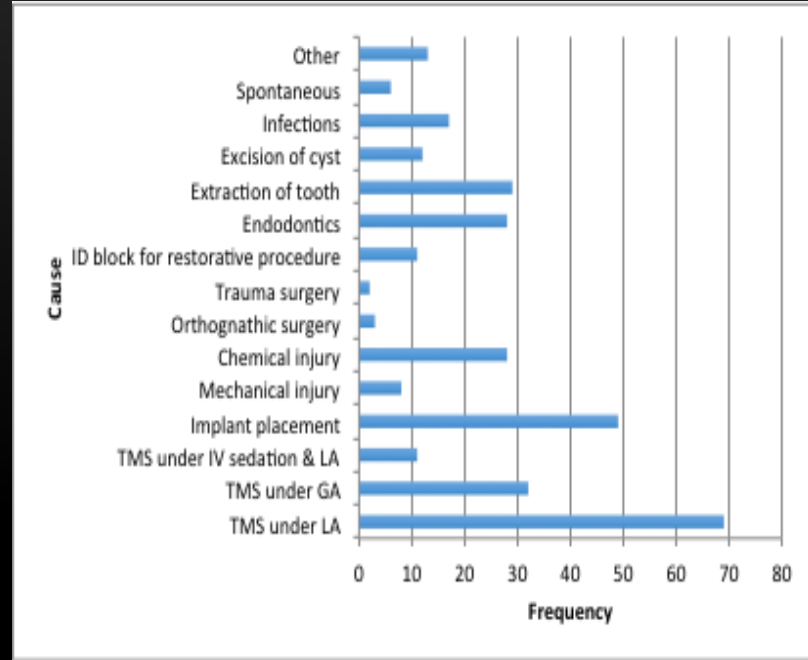
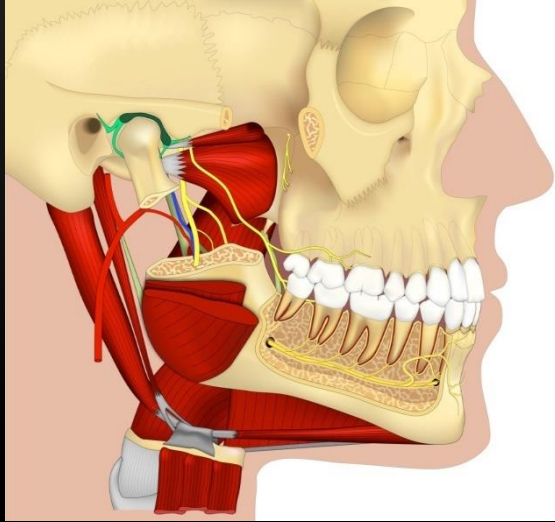
Articaine 4% buccal +/- Lidocaine 2% crestal or lingual infiltration s OR for **extractions** add lidocaine lingual **of** intra-ligamental

## **Mandibular premolars, canines incisors for perio, restorations or implants**

Articaine buccal infiltration (incisal nerve block using 30% cartridge) adjacent not in the mental foramen and massage over region. If fails repeat or add crestal or lingual infiltration OR for **extractions**, intra-ligamental

# Prevention of Trigeminal Post Traumatic Painful Neuropathy?

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# Prevention of Implant nerve injury

## Risk factors

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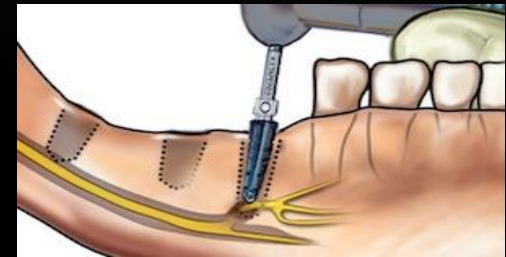
### Most nerve injuries occur:

- ▶ In patients over 47 years
- ▶ In the parasymphyseal region
- ▶ During preparation of implant bed
- ▶ Using Implants > 10mm
- ▶ When the patient experiences severe pain

during prep or implant placement

severe pain post surgery

Intraoperative bleed during prepping



# Risk factors I

## A. Poor risk assessment - Inadequate preoperative assessment and planning due to;

**Lack of knowledge/inexperience**

**Inadequate informed consent and management of patient expectations**

**Lack of identification of existing pre-surgical neuropathy.**

**Additional risk assessment of mandibular premolars and molars**

**Poor planning**

Know where the nerve is. Nerve localisation, risk factors when assessing (Mental loop, characteristics of IAN position in various sites of mandible)

**Parasympyseal zone high risk.**

The accuracy of estimating the position of the IDC based on clinical or CT scans is highlighted in the radiograph.

**Insufficient Safety zone-** Risk perpendicular to the nerve.

**Poor surgical technique**

Poor recognition of intraoperative problems

Poor implant placement

**Selection of implants 10mm plus**

(evidence supports shorter implants -short implant procedure and minimise morbidity)

**Poor Planning**

Insufficient Safety zone

Inappropriate radiographs

Inability to read CBCT

Using implants > 8mm

**Operative**

Poor technique reducing Safety zone/ lack use drill stops, guides/ intraoperative LCPAs  
Lack of recognition risks bleeding/ drill sink

**Post operative**

Late recognition of nerve injury

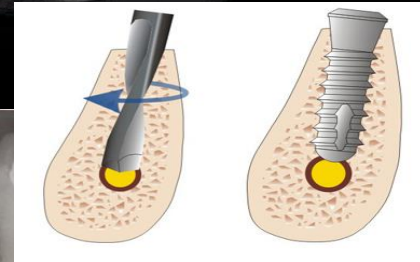
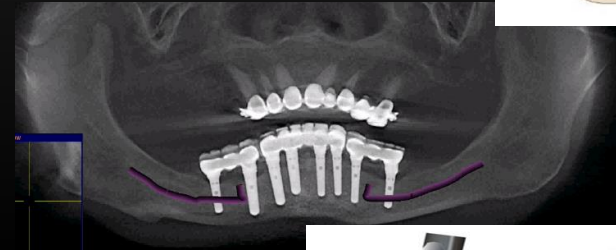
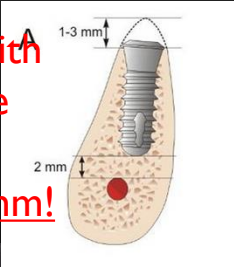
Lack removal implant within 30 hours



# Evidence for prevention of implant related nerve injuries

- ▶ Computer guided surgery (**none**)
- ▶ Use surgical guides (**moderate**)
  - ▶ (Chan, Chik, Pow, & Chow, 2013; Van Assche et al., 2007).
- ▶ Drill stops stock or tailored (**none**)
- ▶ ITI recommendation (**moderate**)
  - PAUSE after 60% planned depth OR 6mm
  - Take LCPA and check position
- ▶ **USE SHORT IMPLANTS** less than 10 mm for parasymphyseal region (**strong**) Implants should not need to be longer than 8 mm

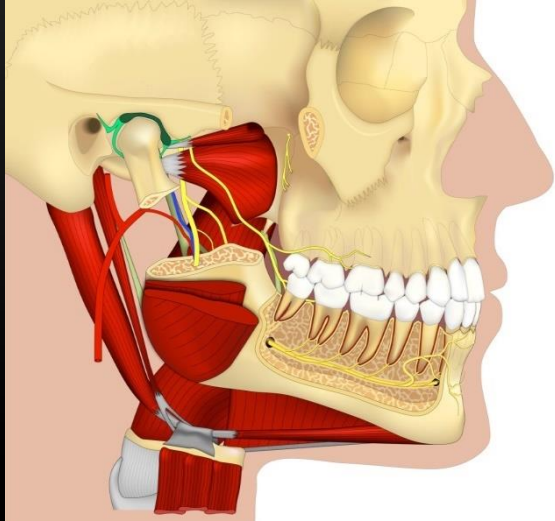
Safety zone of 2mm is insufficient with implant drills 1.5mm longer than the implants = resultant safety zone of 0.5mm!!!! 4mm!



Short Implants (5 to 8 mm) Versus Longer Implants (>8 mm) with Sinus Lifting in Atrophic Posterior Maxilla: A Meta-Analysis of RCTs

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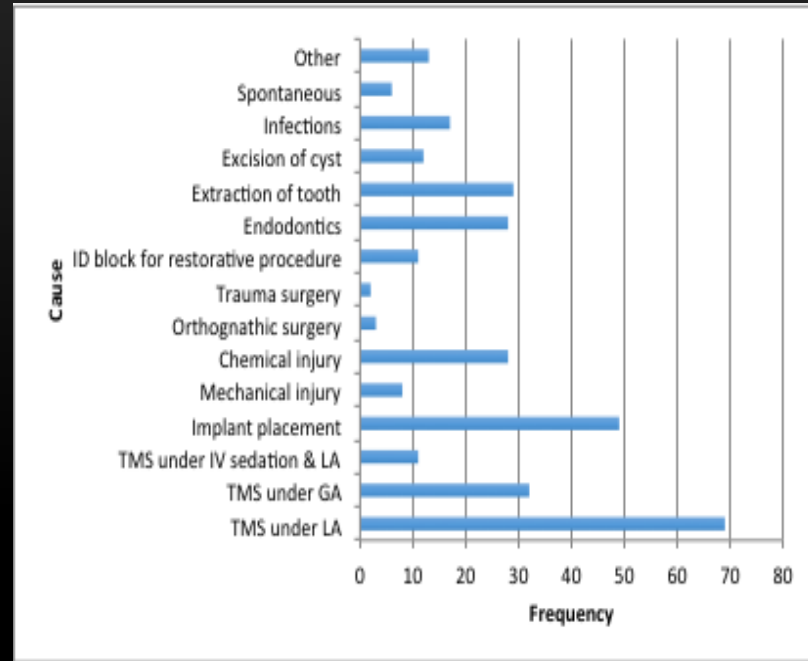
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# Endodontic related nerve injuries mechanisms

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- ▶ Mechanical compression canal due to overfill
- ▶ Direct mechanical damage due to over instrumentation
- ▶ Haemorrhage with direct and indirect neural ischaemia
- ▶ Loss of apical seal and **CHEMICAL** leakage and damage
- ▶ Inflammation / infection



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▶ Fanibunda K, Whitworth J, Steele J (1998) The management of thermomechanically compacted gutta percha extrusion in the inferior dental canal. Br Dent J. 1998 Apr 11;184(7):330-2

## Prevention of Endodontic related neuropathy: Risk factors

### A. Inadequate preoperative assessment and planning due to;

- Lack of knowledge
- GDP (80% of referrals) GDP endodontic success rates are significant
- The American Association of Endodontists have made several recommendations for patients
- Inability to read the radiographs or CBCT
- Inadequate informed consent-all options provided and related risk benefits
- Lack of identification of existing pre-surgical neuropathy (periapical lesions)

### Tooth apex position

Proximity to IDC

Related root morphology

(vs 85%)  
Proximal of these

### B. Premolar teeth & Proximity of tooth apex to IDC – 90% of the mandibular teeth in this series, were close to the IAN canal or premolars adjacent to the mental foramen. Proximity to the apex to the IAN/ breach apical seal and over chemical or instrumentation

- Tantanapornkul et al (33) reported the specificity and sensitivity of IAN to the tooth roots in 161 mandibular third molars 161; for it was 70% and 63% which were not significantly different.
- Patel et al (34) have reported on the use of CBCT in managing cone periapicals.

### Poor technique

Lack apical seal

Over instrumentation

Over filling

the  
70%

### C. Poor technique

- Breach of apex causing pain during surgery on irrigation or during instrumentation and damage to periapical tissues
- Over instrumentation
- Overfill Detectable overfill occurred in 60% of cases and over instrumentation during preparation

### D. Early recognition and intervention for Endodontic related nerve injuries

- ALWAYS undertake HOME CHECK, review patient and confirm neuropathy
- Neuropathy related to endodontics can be delayed and the patient must be seen 3-4 days post treatment (Renton et al unpublished).
- If nerve injury is suspected, you will already be aware of the proximity of the tooth to the IAN, likely breach of apex, over instrumentation or deposition of endodontic material in the canal.
- If there is suspected the material, the apex and or tooth must be removed within 4 weeks of placement in order to maximise recovery from nerve injury (9). If the patient is insistent on keeping the tooth urgent referral of the patient may be indicated for

### Postoperative

Late recognition and late  
tooth or overfill removal

# Risk assessment Radiographic Proximity to the Inferior dental canal (IDC)

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## Mandibular teeth proximal to the IAN canal

- ▶ Apex of the tooth may be adjacent or intruding into the IDC canal and any small degree of leakage or overfilling may compromise the IAN.
- ▶ Assessment of the proximity of the tooth apex to the IAN canal has become significantly improved with Cone Beam CT scanning (CBCT) with the attendant risk of additional radiation and may not provide significantly more information than a plane long cone radiograph.
- ▶ Most of CBCT assessment of tooth positioning relation to the IAN canal is based on M3M prior to extraction

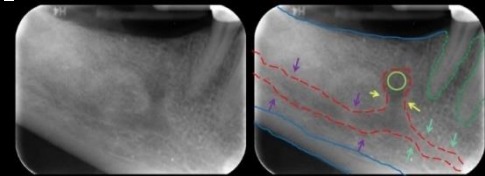
**Is there a “safety zone” in the mandibular premolar region where damage to the mental nerve can be avoided if periapical extrusion occurs?**

Wei Cheong Ngew, BDS (Mal), FFDRCS (Ireland), FDSRCS (Eng), MDS (Mal), AM (Mal)

Posted on June 16, 2010  
Tags: [adverse reactions](#) [endodontics](#) [radiology](#)

## Anatomic Relationship between the Inferior Alveolar Nerve and Dental Apex

Tilotta-Yasukawa and colleagues<sup>11</sup> determined the proximity of the apex of the premolars and molars in relation to the mandibular canal, as well

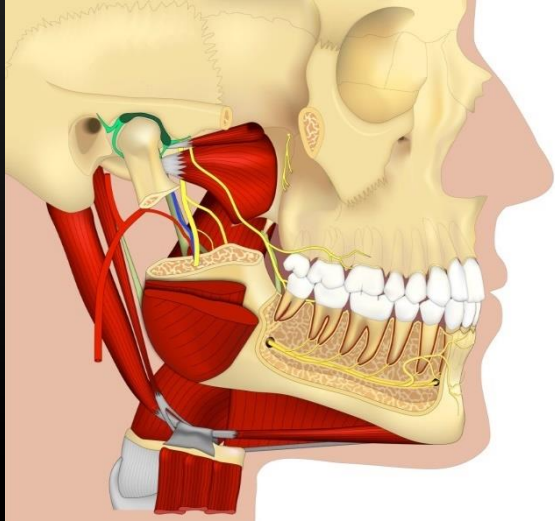


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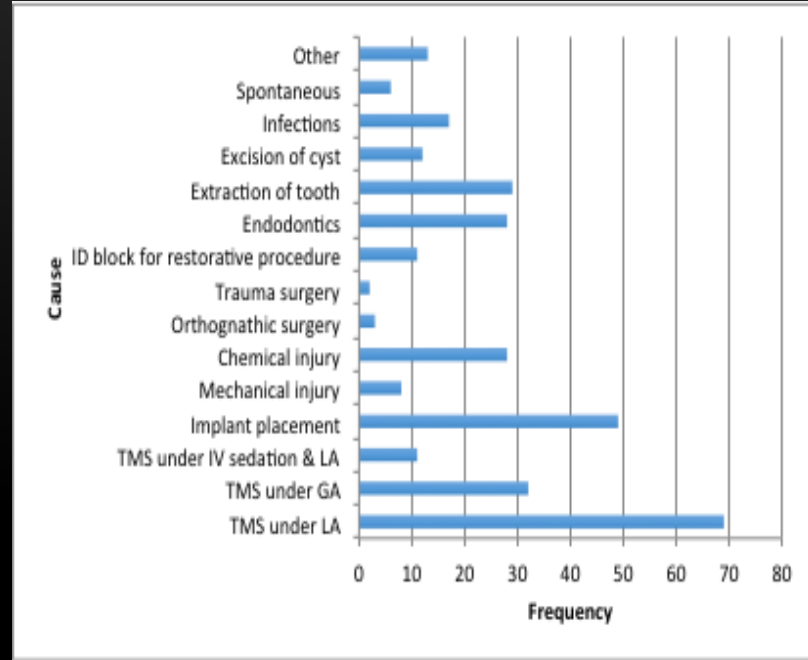
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# Preventing M3M surgery related PTPN

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Lingual nerve

Age of the patient

Poor surgical technique

Junior surgeons

Duration of surgery

Lingual access surgery

Distal bone removal and lingual nerve injury

Use Buccal approach

Minimal access

'aberrant' Lingual nerve anatomy

11-18% of lingual nerve above alveolar crest distal to M3Ms

Inferior alveolar nerve

Age of the patient

○ Intra-operative exposure of the nerve

○ Un-erupted tooth

Poor Radiographic risk assessment

Perforation of tooth roots by IDC

Proximity of tooth roots to inferior dental canal (IDC)

Plain film

IDC loss LD

Darkening of roots

Deviation of IDC

CBCT lack cortication, distortion of canal.

Lingual IDC

Acta Odontol Scand. 2013 Jul 4. The importance of a good evaluation in order to prevent oral nerve injuries: A review. Céspedes-Sánchez JM, Ayuso-Montero R, Mari-Roig A, Arranz-Obispo C, López-López J. 662 were obtained from the search, from which 25 were selected accomplishing the inclusion criteria. Moreover, seven important articles were selected from the references of the ones mentioned, obtaining a total of 32 articles for the review.

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Prevention

Lingual nerve Injury in M3M surgery

Avoid going  
anywhere  
near the  
lingual nerve  
or lingual  
plate!

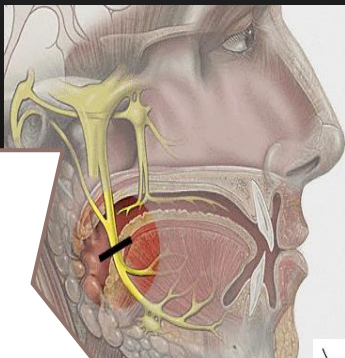


Spot the lingual nerve!

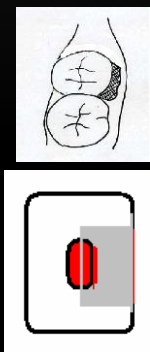
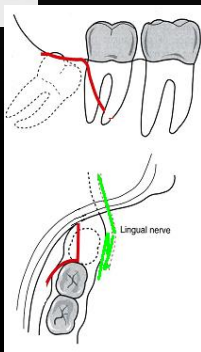


Old Technique 'Explode the patient'

## Minimal access prevents LNI



NEVER  
Remove  
distal bone  
OR section  
through the  
tooth



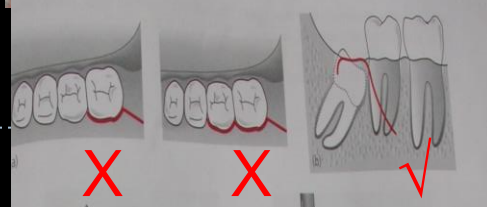
New technique minimal access



# Prevention LNI related to M3M surgery

## Buccal minimal access surgery

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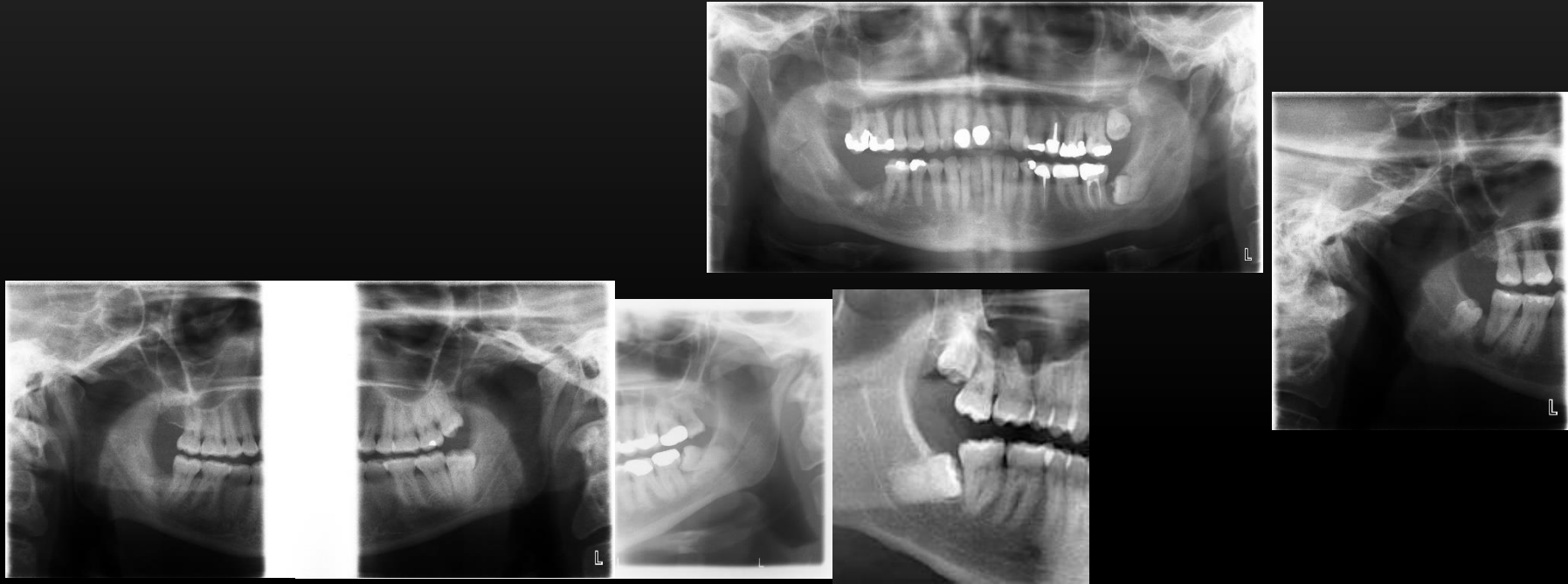
Triangular flap ensures minimal access and no exposure of distal bone behind M3M  
Envelope flap increases trismus too

Fissure bur not  
rose head bur to  
get more  
accurate and  
minimal bone  
removal and  
tooth section

# Preventing inferior alveolar nerve injury

## Risk assessment

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Factors that are associated with injury to the IAN in high-risk patients after removal of third Molars. Selvi, Dodson, Nattestad, Robertson, Tolstunov. *BJOMS* 51 (2013) 868–873. with permission.



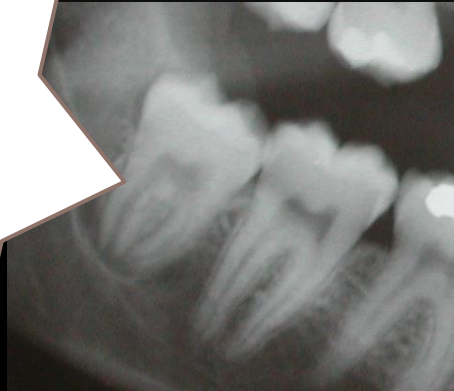
# Risk assessment using plain films

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## Radiographic factors

- Diversion of the canal
- Darkening of the root
- Interruption of the canal LD

Recognise  
plain film risk  
factors  
If high risk -  
CBCT



## NEW

- Juxta-apical area
- Deviation of canal
- Narrowing / darkening of roots

Renton T, Hankins M, Sproate C, McGurk M. A randomised controlled clinical trial to compare the incidence of injury to the inferior alveolar nerve as a result of coronectomy and removal of mandibular third molars. *Br J Oral Maxillofac Surg.* 2005 Feb;43(1):7-12 Rood JP, Shehab BA. The radiological prediction of inferior alveolar nerve injury during third molar surgery. *Br J Oral Maxillofac Surg.* 1990 Feb;28(1):20-5 Rud J. Third molar surgery: perforation of the inferior dental nerve through the root. *Tandlaegebladet.* 1983 Oct;87(19):659-67. No abstract available.



# Risk assessment using plain films

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## Risk

- 0.5% of cases permanently
- 2% of cases temporarily

**BUT if the teeth are superimposed on the IAN canal**

- 20% temporary
- 2% permanent

## Risk factors

- increased age
- difficulty of surgery
- proximity to the IAN canal

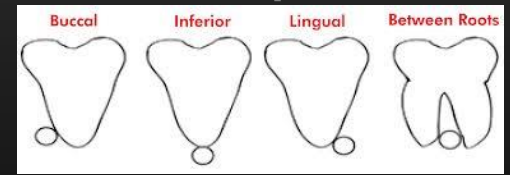
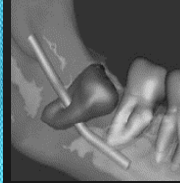
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# CBCT Risk assessment to IANI Proximity to IDC and perforation

Perforation is very rare  
How close does the nerve have to be?  
The nerve doesn't have to 'perforate' tooth...



## IAN at risk CBCT

Distortion of IDC

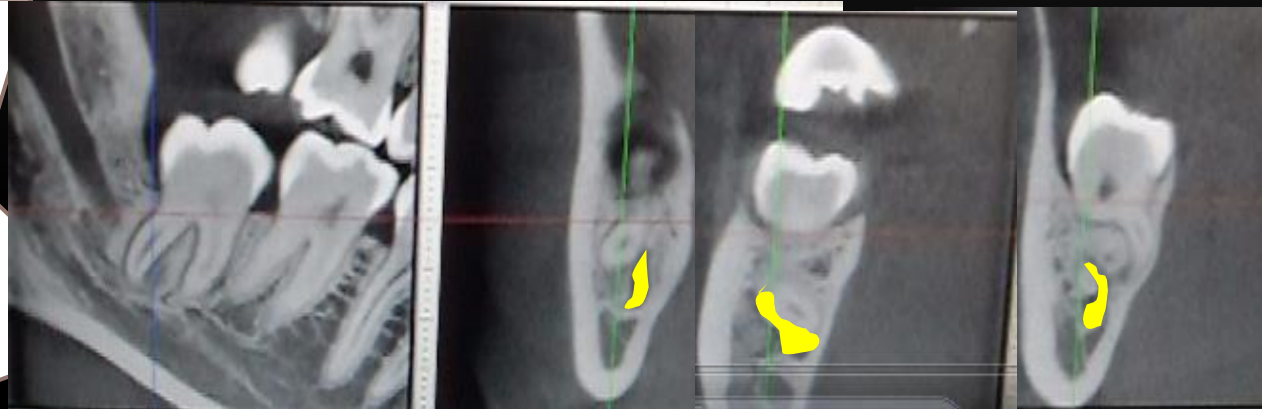
Lingual position IDC

Loss of cortication IDC

Bifid IDC

Inter proximal

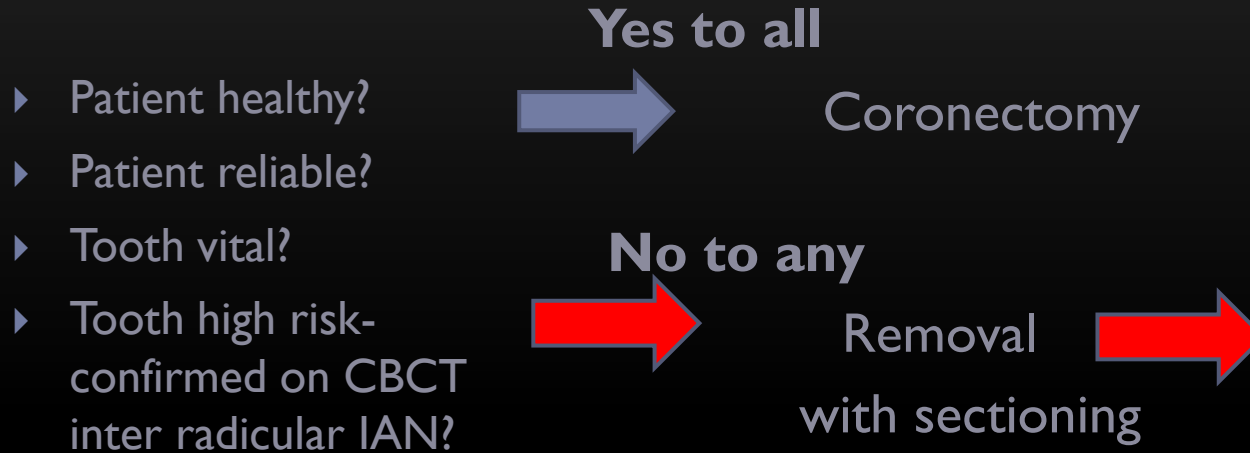
IDC/perforation tooth  
root by IDC



Comparison between cone beam computed tomography and panoramic radiography in the assessment of the position of the inferior alveolar nerve and impacted class C mandibular third molars. Dent Res J. 2011;8:203  
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# M3M Removal or Coronectomy?

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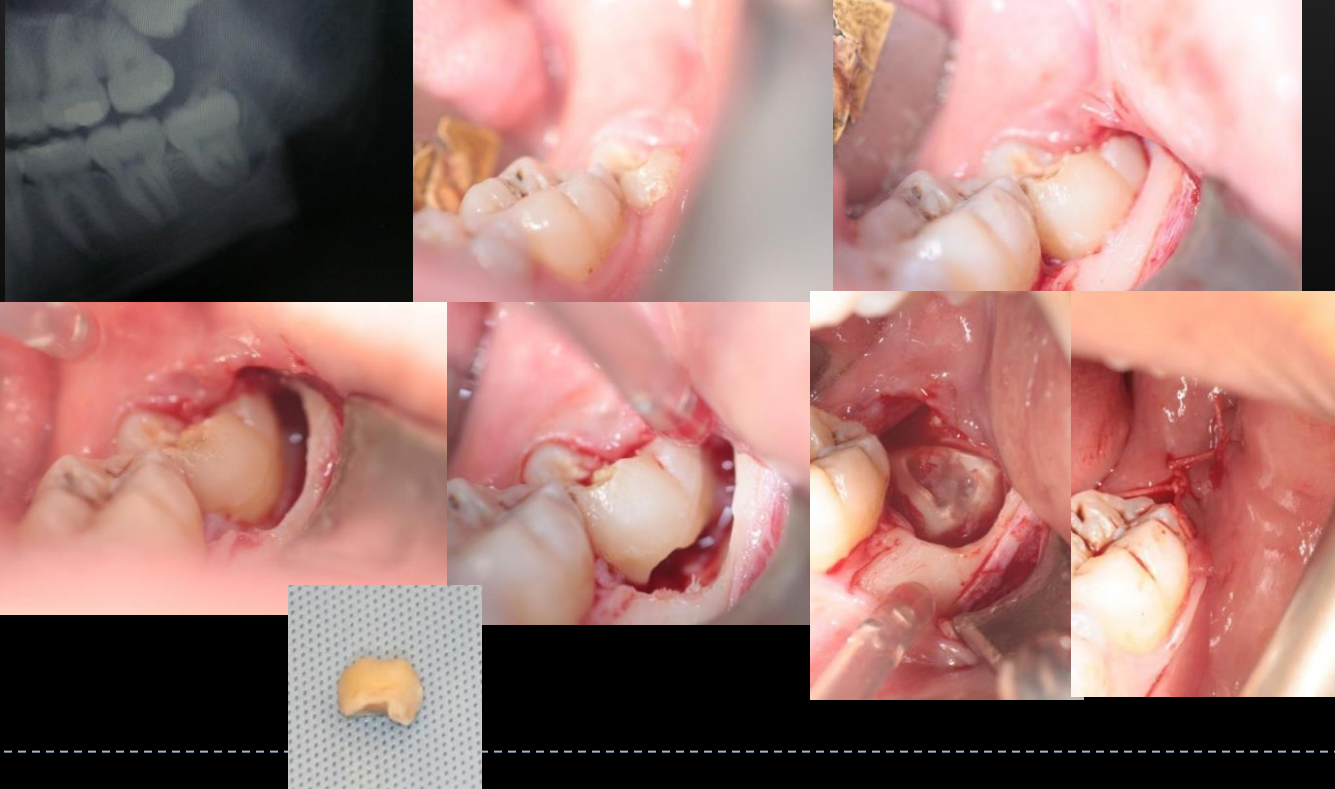
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# Prevention of M3M IANI

## Technique decision Coronectomy

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Less than 4% of high risk M3Ms need a coronectomy (slides courtesy Gexala Umar)



# Key messages...

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Prevention of nerve injuries and related neuropathic pain is essential and possible

Patient selection – preoperative psych assessment / pain comorbidity /age/ gender

Good planning and risk assessment - Awareness of intraoperative risk factors

Good surgical technique –minimal access avoid nerve injury and minimise pain

Manage the patients expectations

**Surgery does not fix neuropathic pain**

Most patients have pain with related functional, social and psychological sequelae

We cannot ‘fix’ the patients with nerve injuries

**DO NOT SIT AND WAIT** for resolution

Home check will facilitate timely urgent intervention < 24-30 hours

Refer to resources at **[Trigeminalnerve.org.uk](http://Trigeminalnerve.org.uk)**

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# Thank you

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Trigeminal Foundation. At the top left, the text reads "TRIGEMINAL FOUNDATION" in blue, followed by "Nerve Injuries" and the tagline "Helping to prevent, educate and manage". To the right is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "About us", "Patient", "Professional Education", "Research", "Events", "Referrals" (with a red "urgent" tag), "Get-involved", and "Contact". Further right are links for "Register / login", "CPD Questions", "TNI Blog / Forum", and "Direct Email". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation is a large banner image featuring a 3D anatomical model of a human head with the trigeminal nerve highlighted in yellow and red, and a blue-tinted image of a human head in profile. Below the banner is a section titled "Survey to gather interest in a new MSc course in o..." with a "find out more" link. To the right of the banner are two columns of content. The first column is titled "Is your injury related to:" and lists "Wisdom tooth", "Implant related", "Dental injection", and "Root canal", each with a right-pointing arrow. The second column is titled "Free CPD sign up here" and contains text about Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and a right-pointing arrow.

Websites

[Trigeminalnerve.org.uk](http://Trigeminalnerve.org.uk)  
[Orofacialpain.org.uk](http://Orofacialpain.org.uk)



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