

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Diagnosis and Management of Headache



Sep 2007



MINISTRY OF HEALTH
SINGAPORE

MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines 5/2007

Levels of evidence and grades of recommendation

Levels of evidence

Level	Type of Evidence
1 ⁺⁺	High quality meta-analyses, systematic reviews of randomised controlled trials (RCTs), or RCTs with a very low risk of bias.
1 ⁺	Well conducted meta-analyses, systematic reviews of RCTs, or RCTs with a low risk of bias.
1 ⁻	Meta-analyses, systematic reviews of RCTs, or RCTs with a high risk of bias
2 ⁺⁺	High quality systematic reviews of case control or cohort studies. High quality case control or cohort studies with a very low risk of confounding or bias and a high probability that the relationship is causal
2 ⁺	Well conducted case control or cohort studies with a low risk of confounding or bias and a moderate probability that the relationship is causal
2 ⁻	Case control or cohort studies with a high risk of confounding or bias and a significant risk that the relationship is not causal
3	Non-analytic studies, e.g. case reports, case series
4	Expert opinion

Grades of recommendation

Grade	Recommendation
A	At least one meta-analysis, systematic review of RCTs, or RCT rated as 1 ⁺⁺ and directly applicable to the target population; or A body of evidence consisting principally of studies rated as 1 ⁺ , directly applicable to the target population, and demonstrating overall consistency of results
B	A body of evidence including studies rated as 2 ⁺⁺ , directly applicable to the target population, and demonstrating overall consistency of results; or Extrapolated evidence from studies rated as 1 ⁺⁺ or 1 ⁺
C	A body of evidence including studies rated as 2 ⁺ , directly applicable to the target population and demonstrating overall consistency of results; or Extrapolated evidence from studies rated as 2 ⁺⁺
D	Evidence level 3 or 4; or Extrapolated evidence from studies rated as 2 ⁺
GPP (good practice points)	Recommended best practice based on the clinical experience of the guideline development group.

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Diagnosis and Management of Headache

MOH Clinical Practice Guidelines 5/2007

Published by Ministry of Health, Singapore
16 College Road,
College of Medicine Building
Singapore 169854

Printed by Golden City Colour Printing Co. (Pte.) Ltd.

Copyright © 2007 by Ministry of Health, Singapore

ISBN 978-981-05-9432-9

Available on the MOH website: <http://www.moh.gov.sg/cpg>

Statement of Intent

These guidelines are not intended to serve as a standard of medical care. Standards of medical care are determined on the basis of all clinical data available for an individual case and are subject to change as scientific knowledge advances and patterns of care evolve.

The contents of this publication are guidelines to clinical practice, based on the best available evidence at the time of development. Adherence to these guidelines may not ensure a successful outcome in every case. These guidelines should neither be construed as including all proper methods of care, nor exclude other acceptable methods of care. Each physician is ultimately responsible for the management of his/her unique patient, in the light of the clinical data presented by the patient and the diagnostic and treatment options available.

Foreword

Headache is one of the most common disorders of the nervous system. Although headache disorders are often not life-threatening, its various subtypes cause substantial levels of disability in terms of impaired quality of life, personal suffering and financial cost.

Globally, lifetime prevalence of headache is 66%. WHO ranks migraine 19th in all causes of disability. It is estimated that the Years Lived with Disability for all types of headaches is double that of headache due to migraine alone. This would bring headache into the ten most disabling conditions overall and into the five most disabling for women. In Singapore, the overall lifetime prevalence of headache was found to be 82.7%.

The first national guidelines on headache were published in 2000 to assist doctors in making appropriate choices in the work up and treatment of their patients presenting with headache. To maintain currency of knowledge and to include newer evidence that has emerged in this field, it is timely to update these guidelines. This revised edition not only details diagnosis and treatment of various types of headaches, such as migraine, tension type headaches and medication overuse headache, but also discusses the psychological aspects of headache. Recommendations from the US Headache Consortium have also been integrated into this edition.

I hope that these guidelines will assist doctors in adopting a rational approach in the management of headache disorders.

ASSOC PROFESSOR CHEW SUOK KAI
AG DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES

Contents

	Page
Executive summary of recommendations	1
1 Introduction	15
2 Tension Type Headaches	18
3 Migraine	21
4 Headaches - Psychiatric and Psychological Aspects	32
5 Secondary Headaches	34
6 Investigations for Headaches	42
7 Medication Overuse Headaches (MOH)	45
8 Use of Acupuncture in the Management of Migraine and Tension Headache	50
9 Cost-effectiveness of Headache Treatment	52
10 Clinical Quality Improvement	55
References	57
Self-assessment (MCQs)	97
Workgroup members	103

Executive Summary of Recommendations

Details of recommendations can be found in the main text at the pages indicated.

Tension Type Headaches

Diagnosis and classification

GPP The clinical diagnosis of tension-type headaches should be guided by the International Headache Society criteria (pg 18).

GPP

Treatment

A&B Simple analgesics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are effective and may be used for acute treatment of tension type headaches at the following doses (pg 19):

Drugs	Dosage	Grade and level
Aspirin	500-1000 mg	Grade A, Level 1+
Paracetamol	1000 mg	Grade A, Level 1+
Ibuprofen	200-400 mg	Grade A, Level 1+
Ketoprofen	25-50 mg	Grade A, Level 1+
Naproxen	375-550 mg	Grade B, Level 1+
Diclofenac	25 mg	Grade B, Level 1+

A Caffeine can be used as an analgesic adjuvant for acute treatment of tension-type headache (pg 19).

Grade A, Level 1+

D Medication overuse should be avoided as it increases the risk of developing chronic daily headache (pg 19).

Grade D, Level 4

D Prophylactic treatment should be considered when headaches are frequent (pg 19).

Grade D, Level 4

A Amitriptyline 10-75 mg daily should be considered first for prophylactic treatment of tension-type headache (pg 19).

Grade A, Level 1++

B Other locally available medications with less evidence of efficacy which may be used for prophylactic treatment of tension-type headache include (pg 20):

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
Clomipramine	25-100 mg daily	Grade B, Level 1+
Maprotiline	25-75 mg daily	Grade B, Level 1+
Mirtazapine	15-30 mg daily	Grade B, Level 1+

GPP Medications for prophylactic treatment of tension-type headache should be started at low doses and titrated up to therapeutic doses to minimize adverse effects (pg 20).

GPP

Migraine

Diagnosis

C A validated 3-item questionnaire (ID-Migraine) covering disability, nausea and sensitivity to light should be used by primary care physicians if screening for migraine is required (pg 21).

Grade C, Level 3

Assessment of disability

B Standardized self-assessed questionnaires, e.g. MIDAS, HIT-6 (Appendix 1 & 2 on pages 30 and 31), to determine migraine disability should be administered where practicable (pg 21).

Grade B, Level 2++

Treatment principles

B Stratified care strategies (tailoring drugs to headache severity) should be used in preference to step-care strategies (using drugs in a progressive predetermined way) within or across attacks because the former provides significantly better clinical outcomes (pg 21).

Grade B, Level 1+

C Symptomatic medications should be administered early in an acute attack when pain is only mild to moderate (pg 22).

Grade C, Level 2+

D Over-the-counter paracetamol-based medication should be tried as first-line acute treatment of migraine (pg 22).

Grade D, Level 2+

D If paracetamol is ineffective in an individual patient, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs should be tried. If non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are ineffective or contraindicated, migraine-specific agents (triptans, ergotamine) should be tried (pg 22).

Grade D, Level 4

D A non-oral route of administration should be chosen for patients who present with early nausea or vomiting (pg 22).

Grade D, Level 4

D In some patients, concomitant treatment with an antiemetic and oral migraine medication may be appropriate (pg 22).

Grade D, Level 4

D The danger of medication-overuse headache developing with excessive use of symptomatic migraine medication should be emphasized to the patient (pg 23).

Grade D, Level 4

Pharmacological treatment of acute attacks

A,B&C Recommended dosage and frequency of various drugs used in the treatment of acute migraine episode (pg 23-24):

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
• Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs		
Acetylsalicylic	600-800 mg 8 hrly/prn	Grade B, Level 1+
Ibuprofen	400-800 mg 8 hrly/prn	Grade A, Level 1++
Naproxen sodium	275-550 mg 6 hrly/prn	Grade A, Level 1++
Diclofenac	I/M 30 mg 6 hrly, up to 2 doses/day	Grade B, Level 1+
Diclofenac-K	50-100 mg stat	Grade B, Level 1+

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antiemetics 		
Metoclopramide	I/V 10 mg stat	Grade B, Level 1+
Prochlorperazine	I/M 10-12.5 mg stat	Grade B, Level 1+
*Domperidone	20-40 mg	Grade C, Level 2+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonselective 5-hydroxytryptamine receptor agonists 		
Ergotamine	1-2 mg 1 hrly (up to total of 3 doses) + Caffeine	Grade A, Level 1++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective 5-hydroxytryptamine receptor agonists 		
Sumatriptan	S/C 6 mg stat Oral 50-100 mg 2 hrly (up to 2 doses/day)	Grade A, Level 1++
Zolmitriptan	2.5 mg 2 hrly (up to 2 doses/day)	Grade A, Level 1++
Naratriptan	2.5 mg 4 hrly (up to 2 doses/day)	Grade A, Level 1++
Eletriptan	40-80 mg 2 hrly (up to 2 doses/day)	Grade A, Level 1++

* Domperidone can be used as an adjunct to oral treatment when nausea is prominent.

Prophylaxis

D The following principles will enhance the success of prophylactic treatment (pg 24-25):

1. Medication use:

- A. Therapy may need to be started with the lowest effective dose, with a gradual upward titration of the dose until clinical benefits are achieved in the absence of adverse events or until limited by adverse events.
- B. Give each treatment an adequate trial of at least 1 month to establish benefit or lack thereof.
- C. Use of a long-acting formulation may improve compliance.

2. *Patient education:*

- A. Maximize compliance. Discuss with the patient the rationale for a particular treatment, when and how to use it, and what adverse events are likely.
- B. Address patient expectations. Discuss with the patient the expected benefits of therapy and how long it will take to achieve them.
- C. Create a formal management plan.

3. *Evaluation:*

- A. Patients with difficult headaches should be monitored with headache diaries. Diaries should be user-friendly and should measure attack frequency, severity, duration, disability, response to type of treatment, and adverse effects of medication.

Grade D, Level 4

D Daily migraine prophylactic treatment should be considered if 2 or more attacks a month occur (pg 25).

Grade D, Level 4

D The decision to start or withhold pharmacological prophylaxis should be individualized to the patient with migraine. Apart from the frequency of attacks, attack severity, failure or intolerance of acute treatments, concurrent medical conditions and prolonged aura may be relevant considerations (pg 25).

Grade D, Level 4

GPP If benefit is seen with the migraine prophylactic treatment, a course of medication ideally lasting at least 6 months should be given (pg 25).

GPP

A & B Recommended dosage and frequency of various drugs used in the prevention of recurrent migraine episodes (pg 26):

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beta blockers Atenolol Propranolol Metoprolol Bisoprolol	50-100 mg om 40-240 mg/day 50-300 mg daily 5 mg/day	Grade A, Level 1++ Grade A, Level 1++ Grade A, Level 1++ Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calcium channel blockers Flunarizine Verapamil	5-10 mg on 240 mg om	Grade A, Level 1++ Grade A, Level 1++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serotonin receptor antagonists Pizotifen	0.5-2 mg tds	Grade A, Level 1++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antidepressants Amitriptyline Fluoxetine Venlafaxine	10-150 mg on 10-40 mg om 75-150 mg/day	Grade A, Level 1++ Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticonvulsants Sodium Valproate/ Valproic acid Topiramate Gabapentin	500-1500 mg/day 50-200 mg/day 1200 mg/day	Grade A, Level 1++ Grade A, Level 1++ Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory Naproxen sodium	550 mg bd	Grade A, Level 1++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angiotensin blockers Candesartan Lisinopril	16 mg/day 10-20 mg/day	Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Others Feverfew Magnesium Riboflavin Coenzyme Q10 Botulinum toxin A Butterbur (Petadolex)	50-82 mg/day 400-600 mg/day 200 mg bd 300 mg/day Botox 25U 50 mg-150/day	Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+ Grade A, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+

A Homeopathic treatment should not be used for migraine prophylaxis (pg 27).

Grade A, Level 1+

Migraine in pregnancy and lactation

D Non-pharmacological management of migraine is preferred in pregnancy (pg 27).

Grade D, Level 2

D Biofeedback, relaxation training, and physical therapy may be tried in the treatment of migraine in pregnancy (pg 27).

Grade D, Level 3

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration classify drugs according to the foetal risk associated with their use.

- | | |
|------------|--|
| Category A | - safety established using human studies |
| Category B | - presumed safety based on animal studies |
| Category C | - adverse effects in animal studies, human effects unknown |
| Category D | - known foetal risks |
| Category X | - high foetal risks |

GPP Drugs with a Category A or Category B rating should be used to manage migraine in pregnancy. Category C drugs should be considered after careful consideration of potential risks and benefits. Category D or Category X drugs should be avoided (pg 27).

GPP

GPP Therapy for migraine in women who are pregnant or lactating should be approached cautiously and initiated only with the consent of the patient after informed evaluation of the risks (pg 27).

GPP

D Paracetamol (Category B) is the drug of choice for treatment of acute migraine in pregnancy. Codeine which is category B drug becomes category D in 3rd trimester. Therefore, codeine is not recommended in the 3rd trimester (pg 27).

Grade D, Level 4

B Naproxen, ibuprofen and aspirin which are category B drugs becomes category D after 32 weeks of gestation. Hence, their use should be avoided after 32 weeks of gestation because of the risk of maternal or foetal bleeding and premature closure of the foetal ductus arteriosus (pg 28).

Grade B, Level 2+

D Intravenous magnesium sulphate 1g over one to three minutes up to a maximum of three IV injections given a week apart may be given to patients who experience frequent disabling headaches during pregnancy (pg 28).

Grade D, Level 3

D Intravenous prochlorperazine may be considered if extreme nausea and vomiting are present during migraine in pregnancy (pg 28).

Grade D, Level 3

D Fluoxetine, metoprolol and magnesium (category B) can be used as prophylactic treatment of migraine (pg 28).

Grade D, Level 4

B Valproic acid and its derivatives can be teratogenic and should be avoided. Lisinopril and candesartan should not be used during pregnancy (pg 28).

Grade B, Level 2+

D Acetaminophen, narcotics, diclofenac, ibuprofen, prochlorperazine, β -blockers, and moderate caffeine may be considered for treating migraine in lactating women (pg 29).

Grade D, Level 4

Menstrual migraine

A & B Recommended dosage and frequency of various drugs used in the prophylaxis of menstrual migraine (where 90% of the headaches occur within the 48 hours prior to menses) (pg 29).

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
Oestrogen patches/gel*	50 ug - 1.5 mg/day	Grade A, Level 1++
Naproxen	275-550 mg bd	Grade B, Level 1+
Naratriptan	2.5 mg bd	Grade B, Level 1+
Magnesium	360 mg of magnesium pyrrolidone carboxylic acid	Grade B, Level 1+

*Migraine without aura is not an established contraindication to contraceptive use.

D Estrogen-containing oral contraceptives should be avoided in women with migraine with focal neurologic signs (pg 29).

Grade D, Level 4

Migraine in children less than 18 years old

A Acute migraine attacks in a child should be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen. Oral triptans are not superior to placebo in paediatric migraine (pg 29).

Grade A, Level 1++

A Propranolol (60-120 mg/day) or flunarizine (5-10 mg/day) should be considered if migraine prophylaxis is required in a child (pg 30).

Grade A, Level 1+

B Amitriptyline or cyproheptadine may also be used for childhood migraine prophylaxis (pg 30).

Grade B, Level 2++

D Valproate, topiramate and levetiracetam may also be considered for childhood migraine prophylaxis on the basis of limited data (pg 30).

Grade D, Level 3

Headaches - Psychiatric and Psychological Aspects

Psychological management

D Patients with migraines and tension headaches should be evaluated for psychiatric co-morbidities such as anxiety or depression (pg 32).

Grade D, Level 4

D If hyperventilation accompanies tension headache and migraines, specific explanation and advice regarding anxiety disorder should be provided (pg 32).

Grade D, Level 3

Biofeedback

C Adjunctive psychological interventions should be considered in patients with headaches that are difficult to manage (pg 33).

Grade C, Level 2+

Secondary Headaches

Referral of patients with suspected secondary headaches

GPP All patients with suspected secondary headaches should be referred to a specialist (pg 34).

A referral is indicated if the following features are present:

1. Systemic symptoms such as fever or change in mental state
2. Neurological deficits
3. Sudden onset or maximum severity at onset
4. The first severe or worst headache in an individual's life
5. New persistent or progressively worsening headaches
6. Changed character in the normal established headache pattern
7. A new headache in middle age or later
8. Headache precipitated by coughing, sneezing, standing, bending forwards or recumbency

GPP

Headache attributed to chronic subdural haematoma

D Chronic subdural haematoma should always be considered in an elderly patient with a progressive headache, particularly if there is some cognitive impairment or focal signs (pg 36).

Grade D, Level 3

Investigations for Headaches

Neuroimaging

C Neuroimaging should be considered in patients with nonacute headache and an unexplained abnormal finding on neurological examination (pg 42).

Grade C, Level 2+

C Neuroimaging is not warranted for patients diagnosed with migraines and having a normal neurological examination (pg 43).

Grade C, Level 2+

Skull X-rays

D Skull X-rays are not recommended in the evaluation of headaches (pg 43).

Grade D, Level 3

Lumbar punctures

D Lumbar punctures are not recommended in the routine evaluation of headaches (pg 44).

Grade D, Level 3

GPP Neuroimaging is mandatory before lumbar puncture if a neurological deficit is present or increased intracranial pressure is suspected (pg 44).

GPP

Medication Overuse Headaches

Management

C For ergotamine-induced medication overuse headache, naproxen 500 mg twice daily may be used for pain reduction during the withdrawal period (pg 47).

Grade C, Level 2+

GPP During withdrawal, prophylactic treatment of the primary headache should be started concurrently (pg 47).

GPP

GPP Strictly limited doses of anti-emetic medication and analgesics may be used to treat break-through attacks (pg 47).

GPP

C Prednisolone 60 mg/day for 2 days, 40 mg/day for next 2 days and 20 mg/day for last 2 days and ranitidine 200 mg/day during the 6 days should be taken to alleviate headache intensity (pg 47).

Grade C, Level 2+

D Highly motivated patients who are not using barbiturates and tranquilizers (benzodiazepines) may be treated as outpatients. Patients who overuse drugs containing codeine, barbiturates or tranquilizers, those who are depressed or who have failed previously to withdraw as outpatients, would be candidates for hospitalized management (pg 47).

Grade D, Level 4

Prevention

GPP The best strategy to reduce the prevalence of medication overuse headache is to prevent the development of medication overuse headache in the first place. Doctors should set maximal monthly dosages for headache abortive drugs. Maximum doses and frequencies of types of medications that cause medication overuse headache: (pg 48).

Medication	Maximum Dose
Simple analgesics (aspirin and paracetamol)	Intake < 10 days per month
Combination analgesics (caffeine or barbiturate-containing drugs)	≤ 3 tablets/day
Opioids	≤ 1 tablet /day
Ergotamine (oral)	Max 4 mg/attack and ≤ 20 mg/month
Serotonin 5-HT _{1B/1D} receptor agonists (“triptans”)	< 2 doses/attack and < 6 doses per month

GPP

D Patients should be educated on the risk of medication overuse headache (pg 49).

Grade D, Level 4

D A headache diary is a useful tool for patients and their doctors to monitor the frequency of headaches and medication usage (pg 49).

Grade D, Level 4

Use of Acupuncture in the Management of Migraine and Tension Headache

Evidence for efficacy

A Acupuncture may be considered for headache prophylactic treatment (pg 51).

Grade A, Level 1++

Cautions

GPP Caution should be exercised in using acupuncture in the following conditions (pg 51):

- Patients with severe bleeding disorders or on anti-coagulant treatment – a contraindication for needle acupuncture
- Pregnancy
- Presence of a cardiac pacemaker – a contraindication for electrical stimulation
- Indwelling needles should not be used in patients at risk from bacteremia, such as asplenic patients or those who may become neutropenic

GPP

1 Introduction

1.1 Headaches in Singapore

Headaches are one of life's most common medical afflictions. Studies have shown that up to 90% of the general population suffer from headaches at some point in life. Here in Singapore, a large-scale epidemiological study¹ found that the overall lifetime prevalence of headache here was 82.7%, which did not vary between racial groups. Of these, migraines afflicts up to 9.3% of people, 39.9% suffer from episodic tension type headache and 2.4% from chronic tension type headache. Headaches could not be classified in 31.2% of the respondents.

The modal age of headache onset in all races was in the second decade and was similar in all races. Headache morbidity was independent of age, sex, income level, marital status, shift duties, and educational level, and correlated only with race and a positive family history of severe headache. Non-Chinese compared with Chinese were more likely to suffer from severe headaches, seek medical attention and to require medical leave for their symptoms. Non-Chinese also had more migrainous headaches than Chinese did.

The study also found that elevated blood pressure, poor visual acuity, and decreased hours of sleep did not correlate with increased frequency, intensity, or duration of headaches. Individuals who performed shift work had more frequent, although not more intense or long-lasting, headaches. High or low income had no effect on headache prevalence or severity. In another early study done on National University of Singapore undergraduates,² 10.9% had migraine without aura, 29.8% had tension-type headaches, 1.1% had migraine with aura, and in 56.3% the headache could not be classified. The lifetime prevalence of headache in this population was 98.1%.

1.2 Aim and scope of guidelines

These guidelines were developed to raise awareness of the different forms of headaches and the importance of making a correct diagnosis. A correct diagnosis will lead to appropriate management and speedy control of the patients' headaches which will in turn reduce disability caused by headaches. We discuss here the mainstay treatment for the various headaches as well as alternative treatments such as acupuncture. The dangers of medication overuse headaches are also highlighted.

1.3 Target group

These guidelines will benefit all health care professionals, especially primary care physicians, who care for the majority of headache sufferers. More intractable headaches which require specialized care would not be discussed in these guidelines and should be left to the appropriate specialist care.

1.4 Guideline development

These guidelines have been produced by a committee of neurologists, psychiatrists and family practitioners appointed by the Ministry of Health. This allows a multi-disciplinary approach to this disorder. They were developed using the best available current evidence and expert opinion.

1.5 What's new in the revised guidelines

The following is a list of major changes or additions to the guidelines:

- Recommendations from the US Headache Consortium have been integrated into these guidelines
- A section on migraine has been added detailing the various forms of migraine and its treatment modalities.
- Psychological aspects of headaches have also been added to provide a psychological viewpoint
- The section on secondary headaches has been expanded

- Investigations for headaches have been streamlined for clarity
- A new section has been added on tension type headaches
- The dangers of medication overuse headaches are deemed important enough to warrant a section on their own
- Alternative headache treatments, specifically acupuncture, have been added

1.6 Review of guidelines

Evidence-based clinical practice guidelines are only as current as the evidence that supports them. Users must keep in mind that new evidence could supersede recommendations in these guidelines. The workgroup advises that these guidelines be scheduled for review five years after publication, or if new evidence appears that requires substantive changes to the recommendations.

2 Tension Type Headaches

2.1 Diagnosis and classification

GPP The clinical diagnosis of tension-type headaches should be guided by the International Headache Society criteria.³

GPP

The clinical characteristics of tension-type headaches as defined by the International Headache Society include (a) bilateral location (b) pressing/tightening (non-pulsating) quality (c) mild or moderate in intensity (d) not aggravated by routine physical activity such as walking or climbing stairs. There is no associated nausea or vomiting and no more than one symptom of photophobia or phonophobia. A diagnosis of tension type headache should be made only when secondary headaches are considered unlikely.

Classifying tension-type headaches into the subtypes helps guide management. They can be classified according to the number of headache days a month, as episodic (≤ 14 day/month) and chronic headaches (> 14 day/month on average and > 3 months).³

2.2 Treatment

Tension-type headaches respond to pharmacological as well as non-pharmacological treatment alone or in combination.⁴ The non-pharmacological treatment will be discussed in a separate section.

Pharmacological treatment can be divided into acute and prophylactic. Acute treatment aims at aborting the headache symptoms while prophylactic treatment aims to decrease the frequency and intensity of headaches.

2.2.1 Pharmacological treatment of acute attacks

A&B Simple analgesics and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are effective and may be used for acute treatment of tension type headaches at the following doses:⁵⁻²⁶

Drugs	Dosage	Grade and level
Aspirin	500-1000 mg	Grade A, Level 1+
Paracetamol	1000 mg	Grade A, Level 1+
Ibuprofen	200-400 mg	Grade A, Level 1+
Ketoprofen	25-50 mg	Grade A, Level 1+
Naproxen	375-550 mg	Grade B, Level 1+
Diclofenac	25 mg	Grade B, Level 1+

There is, at present, limited data on the efficacy of selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors for treatment of tension type headaches.²⁷

A Caffeine can be used as an analgesic adjuvant for acute treatment of tension-type headache.^{15,18,23,28}

Grade A, Level 1+

D Medication overuse should be avoided as it increases the risk of developing chronic daily headache.²⁹

Grade D, Level 4

2.2.2 Prophylaxis

D Prophylactic treatment should be considered when headaches are frequent.³

Grade D, Level 4

A Amitriptyline 10-75 mg daily should be considered first for prophylactic treatment of tension-type headache.^{24,30-34}

Grade A, Level 1++

The use of prophylactic amitriptyline is supported by evidence from randomised controlled trials.

B Other locally available medications with less evidence of efficacy which may be used for prophylactic treatment of tension-type headache include:

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
Clomipramine	25-100 mg daily	Grade B, Level 1+
Maprotiline	25-75 mg daily	Grade B, Level 1+
Mirtazapine	15-30 mg daily	Grade B, Level 1+

Currently, only evidence from case series exists for efficacy of venlafaxine in prophylactic treatment of tension-type headache.³⁸

GPP Medications for prophylactic treatment of tension-type headache should be started at low doses and titrated up to therapeutic doses to minimize adverse effects.

GPP

Presently, there is conflicting evidence for the efficacy of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors in prophylactic treatment of tension type headaches.^{34,39-42}

Although earlier open label studies reported a beneficial effect of botulinum toxin on tension-type headache, recent randomised control studies did not find evidence of efficacy.⁴³⁻⁴⁷

3 Migraine

3.1 Diagnosis

C A validated 3-item questionnaire (ID-Migraine) covering disability, nausea and sensitivity to light should be used by primary care physicians if screening for migraine is required.⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰

Grade C, Level 3

3.2 Assessment of disability

B Standardized self-assessed questionnaires, e.g. MIDAS, HIT-6 (Appendix 1 & 2 on pages 30 and 31), to determine migraine disability should be administered where practicable.

Grade B, Level 2++

Disability assessments assist in migraine management by allowing stratified care based on headache disability and are useful ways to help physicians determine and monitor the impact of migraine on their patients. Both MIDAS and HIT-6 scores are only available in English for the Singaporean population.⁵¹⁻⁶⁰

3.3 Treatment principles

Acute attacks of migraine should be effectively treated to reduce use of healthcare resources and disability, increase productivity and improve health-related quality of life.⁶¹⁻⁶³

B Stratified care strategies (tailoring drugs to headache severity) should be used in preference to step-care strategies (using drugs in a progressive predetermined way) within or across attacks because the former provides significantly better clinical outcomes.⁶⁴

Grade B, Level 1+

Patients and doctors should be free to use different medications (as below) that effectively treat the acute symptoms of migraine.

C Symptomatic medications should be administered early in an acute attack when pain is only mild to moderate.⁶⁵⁻⁶⁸

Grade C, Level 2+

D Over-the-counter paracetamol-based medication should be tried as first-line acute treatment of migraine.

Grade D, Level 2+

Many migraine sufferers in Singapore are satisfied with over-the-counter medication for treatment of their migraine.⁶⁹

D If paracetamol is ineffective in an individual patient, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs should be tried. If non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are ineffective or contraindicated, migraine-specific agents (triptans, ergotamine) should be tried.⁷⁰

Grade D, Level 4

D A non-oral route of administration should be chosen for patients who present with early nausea or vomiting.⁷⁰

Grade D, Level 4

D In some patients, concomitant treatment with an antiemetic and oral migraine medication may be appropriate.⁷⁰

Grade D, Level 4

Triptans are ineffective in treating aura or preventing headache when given in the aura phase of migraine with aura.^{71,72}

Despite their high cost, triptans may be cost-effective, but formal cost-effectiveness evaluations have not been done in Singapore.^{73,74}

Patients who fail to obtain adequate relief of symptoms with one triptan may be successfully treated with a different triptan.^{75,76}

D The danger of medication-overuse headache developing with excessive use of symptomatic migraine medication should be emphasized to the patient.⁷⁷⁻⁷⁹

Grade D, Level 4

3.4 Pharmacological treatment of acute attacks

A,B&C Recommended dosage and frequency of various drugs used in the treatment of acute migraine episode:

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs 		
Acetylsalicylic acid ^{80,81}	600-800 mg 8 hrly/prn	Grade B, Level 1+
Ibuprofen ^{82,83}	400-800 mg 8 hrly/prn	Grade A, Level 1++
Naproxen sodium ^{84,85}	275-550 mg 6 hrly/prn	Grade A, Level 1++
Diclofenac ⁸⁶	I/M 30 mg 6 hrly, up to 2 doses/day	Grade B, Level 1+
Diclofenac-K ⁸⁷	50-100 mg stat	Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antiemetics 		
Metoclopramide ⁸⁸⁻⁹¹	I/V 10 mg stat	Grade B, Level 1+
Prochlorperazine ^{92,93}	I/M 10-12.5 mg stat	Grade B, Level 1+
*Domperidone ^{94,95}	20-40 mg	Grade C, Level 2+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nonselective 5-hydroxytryptamine receptor agonists 		
Ergotamine ⁹⁶⁻¹⁰¹	1-2 mg 1 hrly (up to total of 3 doses) + Caffeine	Grade A, Level 1++

* Domperidone can be used as an adjunct to oral treatment when nausea is prominent.

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective 5-hydroxytryptamine receptor agonists 		
Sumatriptan ¹⁰²⁻¹¹⁵	S/C 6 mg stat Oral 50-100 mg 2 hrly (up to 2 doses/day) ¹¹⁶⁻¹²⁶	Grade A, Level 1++
Zolmitriptan ¹²⁷⁻¹²⁹	2.5 mg 2 hrly (up to 2 doses/day)	Grade A, Level 1++
Naratriptan ^{130,131}	2.5 mg 4 hrly (up to 2 doses/day)	Grade A, Level 1++
Eletriptan ¹³²⁻¹³⁵	40-80 mg 2 hrly (up to 2 doses/day)	Grade A, Level 1++

3.5 Prophylaxis

The goals of migraine preventive therapy are to:

- (1) reduce attack frequency, severity, and duration
- (2) improve function and reduce disability.
- (3) improve responsiveness to treatment of acute attacks

D The following principles will enhance the success of prophylactic treatment:¹³⁶

1. *Medication use:*

- A. Therapy may need to be started with the lowest effective dose, with a gradual upward titration of the dose until clinical benefits are achieved in the absence of adverse events or until limited by adverse events.
- B. Give each treatment an adequate trial of at least 1 month to establish benefit or lack thereof.
- C. Use of a long-acting formulation may improve compliance.

2. *Patient education:*

- A. Maximize compliance. Discuss with the patient the rationale for a particular treatment, when and how to use it, and what adverse events are likely.
- B. Address patient expectations. Discuss with the patient the expected benefits of therapy and how long it will take to achieve them.
- C. Create a formal management plan.

3. *Evaluation:*

- A. Patients with difficult headaches should be monitored with headache diaries. Diaries should be user-friendly and should measure attack frequency, severity, duration, disability, response to type of treatment, and adverse effects of medication.

Grade D, Level 4

D Daily migraine prophylactic treatment should be considered if 2 or more attacks a month occur.¹³⁷

Grade D, Level 4

D The decision to start or withhold pharmacological prophylaxis should be individualized to the patient with migraine. Apart from the frequency of attacks, attack severity, failure or intolerance of acute treatments, concurrent medical conditions and prolonged aura may be relevant considerations.¹³⁸

Grade D, Level 4

GPP If benefit is seen with the migraine prophylactic therapy, a course of medication ideally lasting at least 6 months should be given.

GPP

A & B Recommended dosage and frequency of various drugs used in the prevention of recurrent migraine episodes:

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beta blockers Atenolol ^{139,140} Propranolol ¹⁴¹⁻¹⁵² Metoprolol ¹⁵³⁻¹⁵⁸ Bisoprolol ¹⁵⁹	50-100 mg om 40-240 mg/day 50-300 mg daily 5 mg/day	Grade A, Level 1++ Grade A, Level 1++ Grade A, Level 1++ Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calcium channel blockers Flunarizine ¹⁶⁰⁻¹⁶⁷ Verapamil ¹⁶⁸⁻¹⁷⁰	5-10 mg on 240 mg om	Grade A, Level 1++ Grade A, Level 1++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serotonin receptor antagonists Pizotifen ¹⁷¹⁻¹⁸²	0.5-2 mg tds	Grade A, Level 1++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antidepressants Amitriptyline ¹⁸³⁻¹⁸⁶ Fluoxetine ^{187,188} Venlafaxine ^{189,190}	10-150 mg on 10-40 mg om 75-150 mg/day	Grade A, Level 1++ Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticonvulsants Sodium Valproate/ Valproic acid ¹⁹¹⁻¹⁹⁴ Topiramate ¹⁹⁵⁻²⁰¹ Gabapentin. ^{202,203}	500-1500 mg/day 50-200 mg/day 1200 mg/day	Grade A, Level 1++ Grade A, Level 1++ Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory Naproxen sodium ²⁰⁴⁻²⁰⁹	550 mg bd	Grade A, Level 1++
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angiotensin blockers Candesartan ²¹⁰ Lisinopril ²¹¹	16 mg/day 10-20 mg/day	Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Others Feverfew ²¹²⁻²¹⁵ Magnesium ²¹⁶⁻²¹⁸ Riboflavin ²¹⁹⁻²²¹ Coenzyme Q10 ²²² Botulinum toxin A ²²³⁻²²⁶ Butterbur (Petadolex) ²²⁷⁻²²⁹	50-82 mg/day 400-600 mg/day 200 mg bd 300 mg/day Botox 25U 50 mg-150/day	Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+ Grade A, Level 1+ Grade B, Level 1+

A Homeopathic treatment should not be used for migraine prophylaxis.^{230,231}

Grade A, Level 1+

3.6 Migraine in pregnancy and lactation

D Non-pharmacological management of migraine is preferred in pregnancy.²³²

Grade D, Level 2

D Biofeedback, relaxation training, and physical therapy may be tried in the treatment of migraine in pregnancy.^{233,234}

Grade D, Level 3

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration classify drugs according to the foetal risk associated with their use.

Category A - safety established using human studies

Category B - presumed safety based on animal studies

Category C - adverse effects in animal studies, human effects unknown

Category D - known foetal risks

Category X - high foetal risks

GPP Drugs with a Category A or Category B rating should be used to manage migraine in pregnancy. Category C drugs should be considered after careful consideration of potential risks and benefits. Category D or Category X drugs should be avoided.

GPP

GPP Therapy for migraine in women who are pregnant or lactating should be approached cautiously and initiated only with the consent of the patient after informed evaluation of the risks.

GPP

3.6.1 Acute treatment of migraine in pregnancy and lactation

D Paracetamol (Category B) is the drug of choice for treatment of acute migraine in pregnancy. Codeine which is category B drug becomes category D in 3rd trimester.

Therefore, codeine is not recommended in the 3rd trimester.²³⁵

Grade D, Level 4

B Naproxen, ibuprofen and aspirin which are category B drugs becomes category D after 32 weeks of gestation. Hence, their use should be avoided after 32 weeks of gestation because of the risk of maternal or foetal bleeding and premature closure of the foetal ductus arteriosus.

Grade B, Level 2+

The teratogenic effects of triptans are unknown. Available data from an international registry do not show any increase of birth defects with the inadvertent use of Sumatriptan in the first trimester.²³⁶

D Intravenous magnesium sulphate 1g over one to three minutes up to a maximum of three IV injections given a week apart may be given to patients who experience frequent disabling headaches during pregnancy.²³⁷

Grade D, Level 3

D Intravenous prochlorperazine may be considered if extreme nausea and vomiting are present during migraine in pregnancy.²³⁸

Grade D, Level 3

3.6.2 Prophylactic treatment of migraine in pregnancy

D Fluoxetine, metoprolol and magnesium (category B) can be used as prophylactic treatment of migraine.²³⁹⁻²⁴¹

Grade D, Level 4

B Valproic acid and its derivatives can be teratogenic and should be avoided. Lisinopril and candesartan should not be used during pregnancy.^{242,243}

Grade B, Level 2+

3.6.3 Treatment of migraine in lactation

D Acetaminophen, narcotics, diclofenac, ibuprofen, prochlorperazine, β -blockers, and moderate caffeine may be considered for treating migraine in lactating women.²⁴⁴

Grade D, Level 4

3.7 Menstrual migraine

A&B Recommended dosage and frequency of various drugs used in the prophylaxis of menstrual migraine (where 90% of the headaches occur within the 48 hours prior to menses).

Drugs	Dosage and frequency	Grade and level
Oestrogen patches/gel* ²⁴⁵⁻²⁴⁷	50 ug - 1.5 mg/day	Grade A, Level 1++
Naproxen ²⁴⁸	275-550 mg bd	Grade B, Level 1+
Naratriptan ²⁴⁹	2.5 mg bd	Grade B, Level 1+
Magnesium ²⁵⁰	360 mg of magnesium pyrrolidone carboxylic acid	Grade B, Level 1+

* Migraine without aura is not an established contraindication to contraceptive use.

D Estrogen-containing oral contraceptives should be avoided in women with migraine with focal neurologic signs.²⁵¹

Grade D, Level 4

3.8 Migraine in children less than 18 years old

A Acute migraine attacks in a child should be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen. Oral triptans are not superior to placebo in paediatric migraine.²⁵²⁻²⁵⁴

Grade A, Level 1++

A Propranolol (60-120 mg/day) or flunarizine (5-10 mg/day) should be considered if migraine prophylaxis is required in a child.^{255,256}

Grade A, Level 1+

B Amitriptyline or cyproheptadine may also be used for childhood migraine prophylaxis.^{255,256}

Grade B, Level 2++

D Valproate, topiramate and levetiracetam may also be considered for childhood migraine prophylaxis on the basis of limited data.²⁵⁷⁻²⁶¹

Grade D, Level 3

Appendix 1 The Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) questionnaire to determine migraine disability

<u>Items</u>		
1.	On how many days in the last 3 months did you miss work or school because of your headaches?	
2.	How many days in the last 3 months was your productivity at work or school reduced by half or more because of your headaches? (<i>Do not include days you counted in question 1 where you missed work or school</i>)	
3.	On how many days in the last 3 months did you not do household work because of your headaches?	
4.	How many days in the last 3 months was your productivity in household work reduced by half or more because of your headaches? (<i>Do not include days you counted in question 3 where you did not do household work</i>)	
5.	On how many days in the last three months did you miss family, social or leisure activities because of your headaches?	
Total score: add answers to the questions above		
<u>Interpretation</u>		
Grade	Definition	Score
I	Minimal or infrequent disability	0-5
II	Mild or infrequent disability	6-10
III	Moderate disability	11-20
IV	Severe disability	21+

Source: Lipton R. Migraine Disability Assessment Questionnaire (cited 19 Sep 07). Available from: <http://www.midas-migraine.net/edu/question/Default.asp>.

Appendix 2 **Headache Impact Test Questionnaire (HIT-6) to determine migraine disability**

Rated on 5-point scale of :

“Never”, “rarely”, “sometimes”, “very often”, “always”

- “Never” scores are worth 6 points each
- “Rarely” scores are worth 8 points each
- “Sometimes” scores are worth 10 points each
- “Very often” scores are worth 11 points each
- “Always” scores are worth 13 points each

The range of scores = 36-78 points.

Items

1. When you have headaches, how often is the pain severe?
2. How often do headaches limit your ability to do usual daily activities including household work, work, school, or social activities?
3. When you have a headache, how often do you wish you could lie down?
4. In the past 4 weeks, how often have you felt too tired to do work or daily activities because of your headaches?
5. In the past 4 weeks, how often have you felt fed up or irritated because of your headaches?
6. In the past 4 weeks, how often did headaches limit your ability to concentrate on work or daily activities?

Interpretation:

< 48 points : Little/no headache impact

50-54 points: Some impact

56-58 points: Substantial impact

≥ 60 points : Very severe impact

Source: Headache Impact Test Questionnaire (cited 19 Sep 07). Available from: <http://www.headtalk.com/Hit6Quiz/Hit6QuizIntro.jsp>

4 Headaches - Psychiatric and Psychological Aspects

4.1 Psychiatric and psychological aspects

Psychiatric comorbidity such as depression and anxiety is common in chronic daily headache.²⁶²

4.2 Psychological management

D Patients with migraines and tension headaches should be evaluated for psychiatric co-morbidities such as anxiety or depression.²⁶³

Grade D, Level 4

The doctor and patient must invest time and patience in the initial discussion. The goals of this initial discussion are to provide patients with a chance to unburden themselves, the opportunity to gain objective advice, and the knowledge that their problem is not unique and has been overcome by many others.

Although physicians generally agree that psychological factors are important in triggering headache, few carefully controlled trials demonstrate the effectiveness of psychological management in general and the comparative merits of the various forms of treatment used.

D If hyperventilation accompanies tension headache and migraines, specific explanation and advice regarding anxiety disorder should be provided.²⁶⁴

Grade D, Level 3

4.3 Combined pharmacotherapy and psychological intervention

Evidence from mostly uncontrolled studies indicates that combination pharmacotherapy with cognitive behavioural therapy or stress management therapy is more effective than pharmacotherapy alone.^{262,265,266}

4.4 Hypnosis

Hypnosis results in reduced frequency, duration, and intensity of chronic tension headache compared with a control group.²⁶⁷

4.5 Biofeedback

Biofeedback is beneficial in adult and child migraine patients. In general, meta-analysis of clinical trials show that biofeedback, relaxation training and hypnosis treatment yield effects comparable to prophylactic medication, i.e., average reduction of attacks around 45%, as compared to 14% placebo effects.²⁶⁸

C Adjunctive psychological interventions should be considered in patients with headaches that are difficult to manage.

Grade C, Level 2+

5 Secondary Headaches

5.1 Secondary headaches

This section highlights the relatively common, potentially treatable, and sinister secondary headaches. It is adapted from the International Headache Society's *The International Classification of Headache Disorders (second edition)*.²⁶⁹

Secondary headaches refer to headaches associated with a known organic cause. The characteristics of most secondary headaches are either poorly described or lacking in specific features. It is diagnosed by its close temporal relation to a disorder that is known to cause headache. The headache usually improves or resolves within 3 months following successful treatment or spontaneous remission of the causative disorder.

5.2 Referral of patients with suspected secondary headaches

GPP All patients with suspected secondary headaches should be referred to a specialist.

A referral is indicated if the following features are present:

1. Systemic symptoms such as fever or change in mental state
2. Neurological deficits
3. Sudden onset or maximum severity at onset
4. The first severe or worst headache in an individual's life
5. New persistent or progressively worsening headaches
6. Changed character in the normal established headache pattern
7. A new headache in middle age or later
8. Headache precipitated by coughing, sneezing, standing, bending forwards or recumbency

GPP

5.3 Chronic post-traumatic headache

Chronic post-traumatic headache is associated with any of the following features: loss of consciousness, drowsiness, post-traumatic amnesia, or imaging evidence of a traumatic brain lesion. The non-descript headache develops within 7 days after head trauma or after regaining consciousness following head trauma and persists for more than 3 months after head trauma. Post-traumatic headache is often part of the post-traumatic syndrome which includes symptoms such as disequilibrium, poor concentration, decreased work ability, irritability, depressive mood, and sleep disturbances.²⁶⁹⁻²⁷³

5.4 Chronic headache attributed to whiplash injury

Following a whiplash injury caused by sudden acceleration and deceleration movement of the neck, headache develops within 7 days after the injury and lasts for more than 3 months. Chronic headache secondary to whiplash injury does not have special characteristics and is often part of the post-traumatic syndrome associated with cognitive, behavioural, and affective disorders.^{269,274-276}

5.5 Headache attributed to epidural haematoma

Epidural hematoma occurs within hours of moderately severe head trauma. The associated headache occurs within 24 hours of the hematoma. It is always associated with focal signs and impairment of consciousness. The headache usually resolves within 3 months after evacuation of the hematoma.^{269,277}

5.6 Headache attributed to subdural haematoma

The headache following a subdural hematoma has an acute onset and may be progressive. It develops within 24 to 72 hours after the development of the hematoma and resolves within 3 months of evacuation of the hematoma.

Sometimes the causative head trauma is trivial and forgotten by the patient.^{269,278}

D Chronic subdural haematoma should always be considered in an elderly patient with a progressive headache, particularly if there is some cognitive impairment or focal signs.

Grade D, Level 3

5.7 Headache attributed to intracerebral hemorrhage

Headache caused by intracerebral hemorrhage occurs acutely. It is associated with focal deficits or coma.²⁶⁹

5.8 Headache attributed to subarachnoid hemorrhage

The headache of subarachnoid hemorrhage is a thunderclap headache – one in which the maximum intensity of the pain is present at its onset. It is often unilateral at onset and associated with nausea, vomiting, impaired consciousness, and neck stiffness. The headache usually resolves within 1 month. Diagnosis is confirmed by CT scan or MRI with fluid-attenuated inversion recovery sequences. If neuroimaging is equivocal, lumbar puncture is advised.^{269,279,280}

5.9 Headache attributed to cerebral venous thrombosis

Severe headache occurs in about 90% cases of CVT. It is usually diffuse and progressive. It can also be unilateral and abrupt in onset. Over 90% of cases of cerebral venous thrombosis are associated with focal neurological deficits, seizures, or signs of intracranial hypertension. Diagnosis is made by MRI plus MR venography or CT scan plus CT venography. In equivocal cases, intra-arterial angiography is undertaken.^{269,281}

5.10 Headache attributed to giant cell arteritis

Giant cell arteritis usually occurs in a patient over 60 years of age. It causes a persistent headache. It is normally associated with a swollen, tender superficial temporal artery with elevated ESR or CRP. It is confirmed by temporal artery biopsy demonstrating giant cell arteritis. The major complication is blindness secondary to anterior ischemic optic neuropathy, sometimes preceded by amaurosis fugax. This is usually followed by blindness of the other eye within 1 week. The headache resolves or improved with 3 days of high-dose steroid treatment.^{269,282}

5.11 Headache attributed to idiopathic intracranial hypertension

Idiopathic intracranial hypertension commonly occurs in young obese women. It causes a diffuse and non-pulsating daily headache that is aggravated by coughing or straining. Neurological examination shows papilledema, an enlarged blind spot, visual field defect, or abducens nerve palsy. Examination is sometimes normal. Suspicious symptoms include tinnitus, transient visual obscurations and diplopia. The diagnosis is confirmed by lumbar puncture showing increased CSF pressure of more than 200 mmH₂O in the supine position in the non-obese and more than 250 mmH₂O in the obese. Headache improves after withdrawal of CSF to reduce pressure to 120-170 mm H₂O and resolves within 72 hours of persistent normalisation of intracranial pressure. It is important to exclude venous sinus thrombosis, metabolic, toxic, or hormonal causes before diagnosing idiopathic intracranial hypertension.^{269,283-285}

5.12 Headache attributed to intracranial hypertension secondary to hydrocephalus

Headache secondary to hydrocephalus presents in much the same way as in idiopathic intracranial hypertension. Neuroimaging shows ventricular enlargement. Headache resolves within 72 hours of normalisation of CSF pressure.²⁶⁹

5.13 Headache attributed to spontaneous (or idiopathic) low cerebrospinal fluid pressure

Low cerebrospinal fluid pressure causes a distinct headache. The headache worsens within 15 minutes after sitting or standing and improves within 15 minutes of recumbency. It is associated with neck stiffness, tinnitus, hyperacusis, photophobia, or nausea. There is usually a history of trauma to the back or of recent lumbar puncture. Sometimes, there is history of vigorous coughing or exposure to sudden drop in atmospheric pressure. CSF pressure is less than 60 mmH₂O in sitting position. MRI may show pachymeningeal enhancement. CSF leakage can be seen on conventional myelography, CT myelography or cisternography. The headache resolves within 72 hours after successful epidural blood patching.^{269,286-289}

5.14 Headache attributed directly to neoplasm

The headache associated with intracranial neoplasm is usually progressive, localised, worse in the morning, and aggravated by coughing or bending forward. The headache resolves within 7 days after treatment of the neoplasm with surgery or corticosteroids.^{269,290}

5.15 Nitric oxide (NO) donor-induced headache

The headache induced by nitric oxide donors (e.g. amyl nitrate, glyceryl trinitrate, and isosorbide mono- or dinitrate) has a pulsating quality, is located over bilateral frontotemporal region, and is aggravated by physical activity. It occurs immediately within 10 minutes after absorption of an NO donor and resolves within 1 hour after release of NO has ended. With chronic drug use tolerance develops within a week. With intermittent use the headache continues. An NO donor may also induce a delayed headache that occurs after NO is cleared from the blood and resolves within 72 hours after single exposure.^{269,291}

5.16 Phosphodiesterase (PDE) inhibitor-induced headache

PDE inhibitors induce a pulsating headache located over the bilateral frontotemporal region and is aggravated by physical activity. The headache develops within 5 hours of PDE inhibitor intake and resolves within 72 hours. Examples of PDE inhibitors are dipyridamole and sildenafil.^{269,292}

5.17 Headache attributed to bacterial meningitis

Headache is the commonest symptom of bacterial meningitis. The pain is diffuse and progressive and is associated with fever, nausea, photophobia and/or phonophobia, or neck stiffness. The diagnosis is confirmed by characteristic CSF examination and culture. The headache resolves within 3 months of treatment.^{269,293}

5.18 Headache attributed to lymphocytic meningitis

Lymphocytic meningitis is associated with an acute-onset severe headache accompanied by nuchal rigidity, fever, nausea, photophobia and/or phonophobia. Infection is suspected from the CSF picture. Headache resolves within 3 months after successful treatment or spontaneous remission of the infection.^{269,294}

5.19 Headache attributed to encephalitis

The headache is diffuse with increasing severity and associated with neurological symptoms and signs of acute encephalitis, fever, nausea, photophobia or phonophobia. The diagnosis is confirmed by EEG, neuroimaging, and laboratory investigations. The headache resolves within 3 months after successful treatment or spontaneous remission of the infection.^{269,295,296}

5.20 Sleep apnoea headache

Patients with sleep apnoea (respiratory disturbance index ≥ 5) may develop a bilateral, pressing headache that occurs on more than 15 days per month. The headache is present upon waking and resolves within 30 minutes. Lasting relief is achieved after effective treatment of sleep apnoea. It is unclear whether the headache is related to hypoxia, hypercapnia or disturbance of sleep.^{269,297,298}

5.21 Headache attributed to phaeochromocytoma

The headache develops concomitantly with an abrupt rise in blood pressure and resolves or markedly improves within 1 hour of normalisation of blood pressure. It is associated with sweating, palpitations, anxiety, or pallor. The diagnosis of phaeochromocytoma is confirmed by analysing 24-hour urine sample for elevation of catecholamines or catecholamine metabolites.^{269,299,300}

5.22 Headache attributed to hypertensive crisis

A paroxysmal rise in systolic pressure (>160 mmHg) or diastolic pressure (>120 mmHg) can induce a severe bilateral, pulsating headache without clinical features of hypertensive encephalopathy. The headache resolves within 1 hour after normalisation of blood pressure.^{269,301,302}

5.23 Cardiac cephalgia

A severe headache and nausea may be precipitated by exertion in patients with acute myocardial ischemia. Diagnosis requires documentation of headache and simultaneous cardiac ischemia during treadmill or nuclear cardiac stress testing.^{269,303,304}

5.24 Headache attributed to acute glaucoma

Acute glaucoma can produce pain in and behind or above the eye. It is associated with conjunctival injection, clouding of the cornea, or visual disturbances. The pain

resolves within 72 hours of effective treatment of glaucoma.^{269,305,306}

5.25 Headache attributed to rhinosinusitis

Rhinosinusitis causes frontal headache accompanied by pain in one or more regions of the face, ears or teeth. Diagnosis requires clinical, nasal endoscopic, CT and/or MRI imaging and/or laboratory evidence of acute or acute-on-chronic rhinosinusitis. The clinical features include purulent discharge from the nasal cavity, nasal obstruction, hyposmia, and fever. The headache and facial pain resolve within 7 days after remission or successful treatment of the rhinosinusitis. Chronic sinusitis is not a cause of headache or facial pain.^{269,307,308}

5.26 Headache or facial pain attributed to temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorder

TMJ disorder presents with recurrent pain in one or more regions of the head or face. The pain is precipitated by jaw movements or chewing of hard or tough food. There is reduced range of or irregular jaw opening. There may be noise from one or both TMJs during jaw movements. The joint capsule(s) of one or both TMJs may be tender. The headache resolves within 3 months after successful treatment of the TMJ disorder.^{269,309,310}

6 Investigations for Headaches

6.1 Neuroimaging

In making decisions about neuroimaging in headaches, certain principles apply:

1. Testing should be avoided if it will not lead to a change in management
2. Testing is not recommended if the individual is not significantly more likely than anyone else in the general population to have an abnormality
3. Testing that normally may not be recommended as a population policy may make sense at an individual level if resources are available. For example, exceptions can be considered for patients who are disabled by their fear of serious pathology, or for whom the provider is suspicious even in the absence of known predictors of abnormalities on neuroimaging studies (red flags).

C Neuroimaging should be considered in patients with nonacute headache and an unexplained abnormal finding on neurological examination.

Grade C, Level 2+

An abnormal neurological examination increases the likelihood of finding significant intracranial pathology (e.g. brain tumor, arteriovenous malformation, hydrocephalus) on neuroimaging. The absence of any abnormalities on neurological examination reduces the odds of finding a significant abnormality on imaging.³¹¹⁻³¹⁵

There is insufficient evidence to make specific recommendations regarding neuroimaging in the presence of focal neurological symptoms (e.g. hemisensory disturbance) without clinical deficits.³¹⁶

Symptoms such as headache causing wakening from sleep, headache worsened by Valsalva maneuver, headache causing wakening from sleep, onset of new headache in an older population or progressively worsening headache may point to significant intracranial pathology. In general, the

absence of signs and symptoms is less informative than their presence.³¹³

C Neuroimaging is not warranted for patients diagnosed with migraines and having a normal neurological examination.³¹⁷⁻³²⁵

Grade C, Level 2+

A meta-analysis of patients with migraine and a normal neurological examination found a rate of significant intracranial lesions of 0.18%.³²⁶

There is insufficient evidence to make an evidence-based recommendation for the use of neuroimaging in tension-type headache with a normal neurological examination.^{320,325}

There is insufficient evidence to make an evidence-based recommendation for the relative sensitivity of MRI compared with CT in the evaluation of migraine or other nonacute headaches.^{320,322,327}

MRI is more sensitive than CT at detecting white matter lesions and developmental venous abnormalities, but the greater resolution and discrimination of MRI appeared to be of little clinical importance in patients with nonacute headache.³²²

6.2 Skull X-rays

D Skull X-rays are not recommended in the evaluation of headaches.

Grade D, Level 3

Skull X-rays play no role in the evaluation of non-traumatic headaches except for the identification of chronic sinus disease.^{328,329}

6.3 Lumbar punctures

D Lumbar punctures are not recommended in the routine evaluation of headaches.

Grade D, Level 3

Lumbar punctures should be restricted to headaches believed to be due to CNS infections, subarachnoid haemorrhages and idiopathic intracranial hypertension.³³⁰

GPP Neuroimaging is mandatory before lumbar puncture if a neurological deficit is present or increased intracranial pressure is suspected.

GPP

7 Medication Overuse Headaches

7.1 Definition

Based on the International Classification of Headache Disorders (ICHDII) 2nd Edition (2004)³³¹, headache can be associated with substances or their withdrawal (code 8). It is divided into headache induced by acute (code 8.1) or chronic substance abuse (code 8.2). The term “medication overuse headache” refers to headache associated with chronic medication abuse and satisfies the following criteria:

1. headache on 15 or more days per month
2. pain characteristics are bilateral, dull and of light to moderate severity
3. drug intake includes ergots, triptans and opioids for 10 or more days per month, or analgesics for 15 or more days per month, for a minimum of 3 months, and
4. the headache disappears after withdrawal of the drugs

Almost all abortive drugs used to treat headaches can cause medication overuse headache, including analgesics, ergots, serotonin 5-HT_{1B/1D} receptor agonists (“triptans”), opioids or combination medications.³³²

Medication overuse headache is confirmed if the headache resolves or reverts to its previous episodic pattern within 2 months of discontinuation of the medication.

7.2 Clinical characteristics that may suggest medicine overuse headache^{333,334}

- The headaches are refractory, daily or near daily.
- The headaches occur in patients with primary headache disorders who use abortive medications very frequently and often in excessive quantities.
- The headaches can vary in severity, type and location.
- The headache is accompanied by other symptoms: asthenia, nausea and gastrointestinal symptoms,

irritability, anxiety, restlessness, depression and difficulty in concentration.

- Headaches may initially worsen if abortive medications are abruptly stopped although eventually headache may improve if the patient continues to abstain from these medications.
- Withdrawal symptoms may be observed if patients are taken off opioid medications abruptly.
- Prophylactic medications are ineffective while the patients are consuming excess amounts of abortive medications.

Overuse of abortive drugs may increase the occurrence of other complications, such as gastrointestinal bleeding with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

7.3 Epidemiology

The prevalence of medication overuse headache is approximately 1-3% based on cross-sectional, population based and epidemiological studies.³³⁵⁻³⁴⁰

There is growing evidence that medication overuse headache can also affect adolescents and children as young as 6 years of age.^{341,342}

7.4 Management

There have been no prospective, randomised studies investigating the effectiveness of medication withdrawal or other treatments for medication overuse headache. Current information was derived from clinic-based and non-controlled studies.

Most treatment strategies use a three-pronged approach:

(1) Withdrawal of the drug

Successful therapy of medication overuse headache is defined as no headache at all or an improvement of more than 50% in terms of headache days.³⁴³

Withdrawal symptoms may last from 2 to 10 days (average 3.5 days) and include headache, nausea, vomiting, tachycardia, sleep disturbances, restlessness, anxiety and nervousness.³⁴⁴

C For ergotamine-induced medication overuse headache, naproxen 500 mg twice daily may be used for pain reduction during the withdrawal period.³⁴⁵

Grade C, Level 2+

(2) Introduction of headache prophylactic drugs

GPP During withdrawal, prophylactic treatment of the primary headache should be started concurrently.

GPP

Please refer to the section on prophylactic medication for migraine and tension-type headache (pgs 19-20, 25-26).

Prophylactic treatment for medication overuse headache is less likely to be effective if patients continue to overuse headache abortive drugs.³⁴⁸

(3) Anti-emetic medication

GPP Strictly limited doses of anti-emetic medication and analgesics may be used to treat break-through attacks.

GPP

Please refer to the section on prophylactic medication for migraine and tension-type headache (pgs 19-20, 25-26).

C Prednisolone 60 mg/day for 2 days, 40 mg/day for next 2 days and 20 mg/day for last 2 days and ranitidine 200 mg/day during the 6 days should be taken to alleviate headache intensity.³⁴⁹

Grade C, Level 2+

D Highly motivated patients who are not using barbiturates and tranquilizers (benzodiazepines) may be treated as outpatients. Patients who overuse drugs containing codeine,

barbiturates or tranquilizers, those who are depressed or who have failed previously to withdraw as outpatients, would be candidates for hospitalized management.³⁴⁸

Grade D, Level 4

7.5 Prognosis of medication overuse headache

After successful treatment, up to 20% of patients may relapse within 1 year and up to 50% after 5 years.

Predictors for relapse include patients with tension type headache or combination type headache, overuse of combination analgesic drugs and a long history of chronic headache. Migraine as the primary headache, 5-HT_{1B/1D} receptor agonists as the medication overused and a short chronic headache history predict good response.³⁴⁹⁻³⁵²

7.6 Prevention

GPP The best strategy to reduce the prevalence of medication overuse headache is to prevent the development of medication overuse headache in the first place. Doctors should set maximal monthly dosages for headache abortive drugs. Maximum doses and frequencies of types of medications that cause medication overuse headache:

Medication	Maximum Dose
Simple analgesics (aspirin and paracetamol)	Intake < 10 days per month
Combination analgesics (caffeine or barbiturate-containing drugs)	≤ 3 tablets/day
Opioids	≤ 1 tablet /day
Ergotamine (oral)	Max 4 mg/attack and ≤ 20 mg/month
Serotonin 5-HT _{1B/1D} receptor agonists (“triptans”)	< 2 doses/attack and < 6 doses per month

GPP

D Patients should be educated on the risk of medication overuse headache.³⁴⁸

Grade D, Level 4

D A headache diary is a useful tool for patients and their doctors to monitor the frequency of headaches and medication usage.³⁴⁸

Grade D, Level 4

8 Use of Acupuncture in the Management of Migraine and Tension Headache

8.1 Introduction to acupuncture

Acupuncture can be defined as the insertion of one or more dry needles into the skin and underlying tissues at acupuncture points. These points may also be stimulated by pressure (acupressure), laser, ultrasound, heat (moxibustion), or electricity (electroacupuncture).

Acupuncture is primarily used to relieve pain. Scientifically, acupuncture points are sites at which nerves can be stimulated. Thus, acupuncture is considered a method of stimulating nerves. Evidence in support of this hypothesis includes the following:

- Acupuncture releases various neurotransmitters, including opioid peptides and serotonin.^{353,354}
- The administration of naloxone, an opioid antagonist, prevents acupuncture-associated analgesia.³⁵⁵
- Acupuncture stimulates large, myelinated, rapidly conducting A-delta nerve fibers that may serve to decrease transmission of painful sensations via slower, unmyelinated C fibers.³⁵⁶

8.2 Evidence for efficacy

Existing evidence supports the value of acupuncture as prophylactic treatment for migraine and tension-type headache.

A Cochrane database review published in 2001 analyzed 26 clinical trials that compared acupuncture with any type of control intervention for treatment of idiopathic headaches. Acupuncture was superior when compared with placebo in 8 of the 16 trials that compared true acupuncture with sham (placebo) treatment; contradictory results were noted in 10 trials that compared acupuncture with other forms of treatment. The overall conclusion was that existing evidence

supported the value of acupuncture as headache prophylactic treatment.³⁵⁹

However, four recent trials suggest that there is no difference between true acupuncture, sham acupuncture and standard treatment for prophylaxis of migraine and tension-type headaches.³⁵⁸⁻³⁶²

A Acupuncture may be considered for headache prophylactic treatment.³⁵⁷

Grade A, Level 1++

8.3 Evidence of safety

Systematic review of case reports of life-threatening complications of acupuncture has found that such events fall into two main categories: infections (e.g., hepatitis B) and trauma (e.g., pneumothorax). Both are extremely rare and avoidable with adequate training and care.³⁶³⁻³⁶⁵

By comparison, mild and transient adverse events occur much more frequently. The reported incidence varies widely. Based upon a review that included nearly a quarter of a million treatments, mild bleeding and aggravation of symptoms were noted in 0.03% to 38%, and pain in 1% to 45%.^{363,366}

8.4 Cautions

GPP Caution should be exercised when using acupuncture in the following conditions:

- Patients with severe bleeding disorders or on anti-coagulant treatment – a contraindication for needle acupuncture
- Pregnancy
- Presence of a cardiac pacemaker – a contraindication for electrical stimulation
- Indwelling needles should not be used in patients at risk from bacteremia, such as asplenic patients or those who may become neutropenic

GPP

9 Cost-effectiveness of Headaches Treatment

Headache is an extraordinarily common disorder. To evaluate the cost effectiveness of headache treatment, we must first understand its impact, both tangible and intangible not only on the sufferer but also on society in general. In developed countries, tension type headache (TTH) alone affects two-thirds of adult males and over 80% of females. Extrapolation from figures for migraine prevalence and attack incidence suggests that 3000 migraine attacks occur every day for each million of the general population. Less well recognized is the toll of chronic daily headache: up to one adult in 20 has headache every or nearly every day.

Not only is headache distressing, it also causes much disability. Worldwide, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), migraine alone is 19th among all causes of years lived with disability (YLDs). Headache disorders impose recognizable burden on sufferers including sometimes substantial personal suffering, impaired quality of life and financial cost. Repeated headache attacks, and often the constant fear of the next one, damage family life, social life and employment. The long-term effort of coping with a chronic headache disorder may also predispose the individual to other illnesses. For example, depression is three times more common in people with migraine or severe headaches than in healthy individuals.

In a European study, it was calculated that in 29% of headache patients who continued working over a 4 week study period, there was an average loss of labor productivity of 20.7%. 2.5% of these patients lost an average of 3.8 work days and the economic cost was US\$8996 for migraine patients and US\$4318 for tension headache patients.³⁶⁸ In all, the economic cost to the European Union is US\$17 billion a year and US\$ 28.7 billion annually for the United States.^{369,370} Another study looking at direct and indirect medical costs for migraine patients vs. non-migraineurs show that migraineurs had higher direct medical costs over the prior six months (US\$522 versus US\$415), primarily

due to a greater frequency of physician and emergency department visits. The cost of lost productivity for the migraine group was also higher, by more than US\$200. The combined total for direct and indirect costs was US\$1,242 for migraineurs and US\$929 for the comparison group. Additional analyses comparing those with moderate versus severe migraine demonstrated that more severe migraineurs had higher costs for lost productivity (US\$1,021 versus US\$251) and higher costs when direct and indirect costs were combined (US\$1,656 versus US\$685).³⁷¹ Co-morbid conditions, e.g. anxiety and depression, are also more prevalent in patients with tension and migraine headaches compared to matched controls, with a resultant increase in direct and indirect costs. In a recent study, migraineurs had a direct medical cost of US\$5590 versus US\$10,223 if associated with anxiety and US\$10,582 if associated with depression. This however, is still cheap compared to US\$13,442 if these migraine patient had both anxiety and depression. In children outpatient costs were five times higher (US\$5045 versus US\$945). They were also more likely to be hospitalised.³⁷²

As for testing in primary headache patients, a study looking at 592 neurologically normal patients complaining of headaches and having cranial computed tomography testing showed that the vast majority or 546 had a normal study compared to 46 which had an incidental finding of ischemic or atrophic changes not related to their headaches. None of these patients had gross intracranial pathology like space-occupying lesions or bleeding. Assuming a cost of US\$117 per CT scan, the cost of finding an important pathology would be US\$23,400 per case.³⁷³

Alternative treatments, e.g. acupuncture, are not used infrequently to treat headaches especially in our eastern society where it is well accepted. A British study looked at the cost of acupuncture and its effect on quality adjusted life years (QALY) compared to traditional medical treatment. They found that acupuncture led to a mean health gain of 0.021 QALYs, equivalent to 8 quality adjusted days. This more than made up for the fact that health service costs were higher for these migraine patients.³⁷⁴

Headache ought to be a public-health concern. Yet there is good evidence that very large numbers of people troubled by headache do not receive effective care. For example, in representative samples of the general populations of the United States only half of those identified with migraine had seen a doctor for headache-related reasons in the previous 12 months, and only about half had been correctly diagnosed. Most were solely reliant on over-the-counter medications.³⁷⁵

Many governments, seeking to constrain health-care costs, do not acknowledge the substantial burden of headache on society. They might not recognize that the direct costs of treating headache are small in comparison with the huge indirect-cost savings that might be made (e.g., by reducing lost working days) if resources were allocated to treat headache disorders appropriately.

10 Clinical Quality Improvement

The following clinical quality improvement parameters, based on recommendations in these guidelines, are proposed:

1. Proportion of patients with tension headaches diagnosed using The International Classification of Headache Disorders criteria (page 18).
2. Proportion of patients with tension headaches treated with aspirin, paracetamol and NSAIDS alone or in combination (page 19).
3. Proportion of patients with tension-type headaches given amitriptyline, mirtazapine or venlafaxine as prophylactic treatment (page 20).
4. Proportion of migraine patients (in primary care setting), who had their diagnosis made using the validated 3-item questionnaire (ID-Migraine) covering disability, nausea and sensitivity to light (page 21).
5. Proportion of migraine patients with migraine receiving instructions from their doctor regarding the following (page 25):
 - a. the rationale for a particular treatment
 - b. when to take the medication
 - c. how to take the medication
 - d. advice on the likely types of adverse events
 - e. expected benefits of therapy
 - f. how long will the process of therapy be in order to achieve these benefits
 - g. what course of actions to take if the headache is not improved
6. Proportion of patients who had 2 or more attacks of migraine a month receiving daily migraine prophylactic treatment (page 25).

7. Proportion of patients with migraines and tension headaches evaluated for psychiatric co-morbidities such as anxiety or depression (page 32).

8. Proportion of patients, with following symptoms suspicious of secondary headaches, referred to a neurological specialist (page 34).

- Systemic symptoms such as fever or change in mental state
- Neurological deficits
- Sudden onset or maximum severity at onset
- The first severe or worst headache in an individual's life
- New persistent or progressively worsening headaches
- Changed character in the normal established headache pattern
- A new headache in middle age or later
- Headache precipitated by coughing, sneezing, standing, bending forwards or recumbency

References

1. Ho KH, Ong BK. A community-based study of headache diagnosis and prevalence in Singapore. *Cephalalgia* 2003 Feb;23(1):6-13.
2. Ho KH, Ong BK, Chong PN. Headache characteristics in university undergraduates presenting to medical attention. *Singapore Med J* 1996 Dec;37(6):583-4.
3. Headache Classification Subcommittee of the International Headache Society: The International Classification of Headache Disorders, edn 2. *Cephalalgia* 2004;24(suppl 1):1-160.
4. Holroyd KA, O'Donnell FJ, Stensland M, Lipchik GL, Cordingley GE, Carlson BW. Management of chronic tension-type headache with tricyclic antidepressant medication, stress management therapy, and their combination: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2001 May 2;285(17):2208-15.
5. von Graffenried B, Nuesch E. Non-migrainous headache for the evaluation of oral analgesics. *Br J Clin Pharmacol* 1980;10(suppl 2):225S-231S.
6. Diamond S. Ibuprofen versus aspirin and placebo in the treatment of muscle contraction headache. *Headache* 1983;23:206z-210z.
7. Langemark M, Olesen J. Effervescent ASA versus solid ASA in the treatment of tension headache: a double-blind, placebo controlled study. *Headache* 1987;27:90-5.
8. Martínez-Martín P, Raffaelli E Jr, Titus F, Despuig J, Fragozo YD, Díez-Tejedor E, et al. Efficacy and safety of metamizol vs acetylsalicylic acid in patients with moderate episodic tension-type headache: a randomized, double-blind, placebo- and active-controlled, multicentre study. *Cephalalgia* 2001;21:604-10.

9. Nebe J, Heier M, Diener HC. Low-dose ibuprofen in self medication of mild to moderate headache: a comparison with acetylsalicylic acid and placebo. *Cephalalgia* 1995;15:531-5.
10. Peters BH, Fraim CJ, Masel BE. Comparison of 650 mg aspirin and 1000 mg acetaminophen with each other, and with placebo in moderately severe headache. *Am J Med* 1983;74:36-42.
11. Ryan RE. Motrin: a new agent for the symptomatic treatment of muscle contraction headache. *Headache* 1977;16:280-3.
12. Steiner TJ, Lange R, Voelker M. Aspirin in episodic tension-type headache: placebo-controlled dose-ranging comparison with paracetamol. *Cephalalgia* 2003;23:59-66.
13. Dahlof CG, Jacobs LD. Ketoprofen, paracetamol, and placebo in the treatment of episodic tension-type headache. *Cephalalgia* 1996;16:117-23.
14. Mehlisch DR, Weaver M, Fladung B. Ketoprofen, acetaminophen, and placebo in the treatment of tension headache. *Headache* 1998;38:579-89.
15. Migliardi JR, Armellino JJ, Friedman M, Gillings DB, Beaver WT. Caffeine as an analgesic adjuvant in tension headache. *Clin Pharmacol Ther* 1994;56:576-86.
16. Packman B, Packman E, Doyle G, Cooper S, Ashraf E, Koronkiewicz K, et al. Solubilized ibuprofen: evaluation of onset, relief, and safety of a novel formulation in the treatment of episodic tension-type headache. *Headache* 2000;40:561-7.
17. Prior MJ, Cooper KM, May LG, Bowen DL: Efficacy and safety of acetaminophen and naproxen in the treatment of tension-type headache: a randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled trial. *Cephalalgia* 2002;22(9):740-8.

18. Schachtel BP, Thoden WR, Konerman JP, Brown A, Chaing DS. Headache pain model for assessing and comparing the efficacy of over-the counter analgesic agents. *Clin Pharmacol Ther* 1991;50(3):322-9.
19. Schachtel BP, Furey SA, Thoden WR. Nonprescription ibuprofen and acetaminophen in the treatment of tension-type headache. *J Clin Pharmacol* 1996;36(12):1120-5.
20. Steiner TJ, Lange R. Ketoprofen (25 mg) in the symptomatic treatment of episodic tension-type headache: double-blind placebo-controlled comparison with acetaminophen (1000 mg). *Cephalalgia* 1998;18(1):38-43.
21. Miller DS, Talbot CA, Simpson W, Korey A. A comparison of naproxen sodium, acetaminophen and placebo in the treatment of muscle contraction headache. *Headache* 1987;27(7):392-6.
22. Schachtel BP, Furey SA, Thoden WR: Nonprescription ibuprofen and acetaminophen in the treatment of tension-type headache. *J Clin Pharmacol* 1996, 36:1120–1125.
23. Diener HC, Pfaffenrath V, Pageler L, Peil H, Aicher B. The fixed combination of acetylsalicylic acid, paracetamol and caffeine is more effective than single substances and dual combination for the treatment of headache: a multicentre, randomized, double-blind, single-dose, placebo-controlled parallel group study. *Cephalalgia* 2005 Oct;25(10):776-87.
24. Schachtel BP, Thoden WR: Onset of action of ibuprofen in the treatment of muscle-contraction headache. *Headache* 1988;28(7):471-4.
25. van Gerven JM, Schoemaker RC, Jacobs LD, Reints A, Ouwersloot-van der Meij MJ, Hoedemaker HG, et al. Self-medication of single headache episode with ketoprofen, ibuprofen, or placebo, home-monitored with an electronic patient diary. *Br J Clin Pharmacol* 1996;42(4):475-81.

26. Kubitzek F, Ziegler G, Gold MS, Liu JM, Ionescu E. Low-dose diclofenac potassium in the treatment of episodic tension-type headache. *Eur J Pain* 2003;7(2):155-62.
27. Packman E, Packman B, Thurston H, Tseng L. Lumiracoxib is effective in the treatment of episodic tension-type headache. *Headache* 2005 Oct;45(9):1163-70.
28. Diamond S, Balm TK, Freitag FG. Ibuprofen plus caffeine in the treatment of tension-type headache. *Clin Pharmacol Ther* 2000 Sep;68(3):312-9.
29. Silberstein SD, Olesen J, Bousser MG, Diener HC, Dodick D, First M, et al. International Headache Society. The International Classification of Headache Disorders, 2nd Edition (ICHD-II)--revision of criteria for 8.2 Medication-overuse headache. *Cephalalgia* 2005 Jun;25(6):460-5.
30. Lance JW, Curran DA. Treatment of chronic tension headache. *Lancet* 1964;1:1236-9.
31. Diamond S, Baltes BJ. Chronic tension headache treated with amitriptyline: a double-blind study. *Headache* 1971;11(3):110-6.
32. Göbel H, Hamouz V, Hansen C, Heininger K, Hirsch S, Lindner V, et al. Chronic tension-type headache: amitriptyline reduces clinical headache-duration and experimental pain sensitivity but does not alter pericranial muscle activity readings. *Pain* 1994;59(2):241-9.
33. Cerbo R, Barbanti P, Fabbrini G, Pascali MP, Catarci T. Amitriptyline is effective in chronic but not in episodic tension-type headache: pathogenetic implications. *Headache* 1998;38(6):453-7.
34. Bendtsen L, Jensen R, Olesen J. A non-selective (amitriptyline), but not a selective (citalopram) serotonin reuptake inhibitor is effective in the prophylactic treatment of chronic tension-type headache. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 1996;61(3):285-90.

35. Langemark M, Loldrup D, Bech P, Olesen J. Clomipramine and mianserin in the treatment of chronic tension headache: a double-blind, controlled study. *Headache* 1990;30(3):118-21.
36. Fogelholm R, Murros K. Maprotiline in chronic tension headache: a double-blind cross-over study. *Headache* 1985;25(5):273-5.
37. Bendtsen L, Jensen R. Mirtazapine is effective in the prophylactic treatment of chronic tension-type headache. Mirtazapine is effective in the prophylactic treatment of 2004;62(10):1706-11.
38. Adelman LC, Adelman JU, Von Seggern, Mannix LK. Venlafaxine extended release (XR) for the prophylaxis of migraine and tension-type headache: A retrospective study in a clinical setting. *Headache* 2000 Jul-Aug;40(7):572-80.
39. Singh NN, Misra S. Sertraline in chronic tension-type headache. *J Assoc Physicians India* 2002;50:873-8.
40. Manna V, Bolino F, Di Cicco L. Chronic tension-type headache, mood depression, and serotonin: therapeutic effects of fluvoxamine and mianserin. *Headache* 1994;34(1):44-9.
41. Langemark M, Olesen J. Sulpiride and paroxetine in the treatment of chronic tension-type headache: an explanatory double-blind trial. *Headache* 1994;34(1):20-4.
42. Moja PL, Cusi C, Sterzi PR, Canepari C. Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs) for preventing migraines and tension-type headaches. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2005 Jul 20;(3):CD002919.
43. Silberstein SD, Gobel H, Jensen R, Elkind AH, Degryse R, Walcott JM, et al. Botulinum toxin type A in the prophylactic treatment of chronic tension-type headache: a multicentre, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study. *Cephalalgia* 2006 Jul;26(7):790-800.

44. Padberg M, de Bruijn SF, de Haan RJ, Tavy DL. Treatment of chronic tension-type headache with botulinum toxin: a double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial. *Cephalalgia* 2004 Aug;24(8):675-80.
45. Schulte-Mattler WJ, Krack P; BoNTTH Study Group. Treatment of chronic tension-type headache with botulinum toxin A: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled multicenter study. *Pain* 2004 May;109(1-2):110-4.
46. Schmitt WJ, Slowey E, Fravi N, Weber S, Burgunder JM. Effect of botulinum toxin A injections in the treatment of chronic tension-type headache: a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. *Headache* 2001 Jul-Aug;41(7):658-64.
47. Rollnik JD, Tanneberger O, Schubert M, Schneider U, Dengler R. Treatment of tension-type headache with botulinum toxin type A: a double-blind, placebo-controlled study. *Headache* 2000 Apr;40(4):300-5.
48. Rapoport AM, Bigal ME. ID-migraine. *Neurol Sci.* 2004 Oct;25 Suppl 3:S258-60.
49. Lipton RB, Dodick D, Sadovsky R, Kolodner K, Endicott J, Hettiarachchi J, et al. A self-administered screener for migraine in primary care: The ID Migraine validation study. *Neurology* 2003 Aug 12;61(3):375-82.
50. Sadovsky R, Dodick DW. Identifying migraine in primary care settings. *Am J Med* 2005 Mar;118 Suppl 1:11S-17S.
51. Nachit-Ouinekh F, Dartigues JF, Henry P, Becq JP, Chastan G, Lemaire N, et al. Use of the headache impact test (HIT-6) in general practice: relationship with quality of life and severity. *Eur J Neurol* 2005 Mar;12(3):189-93.
52. Pryse-Phillips W. Evaluating migraine disability: the headache impact test instrument in context. *Can J Neurol Sci* 2002 Jun;29 Suppl 2:S11-5.
53. Bayliss MS, Dewey JE, Dunlap I, Batenhorst AS, Cady R, Diamond ML, et al. A study of the feasibility of Internet

- administration of a computerized health survey: the headache impact test (HIT). *Qual Life Res* 2003 Dec;12(8):953-61.
54. Kosinski M, Bayliss MS, Bjorner JB, Ware JE Jr, Garber WH, Batenhorst A, et al. A six-item short-form survey for measuring headache impact: the HIT-6. *Qual Life Res* 2003 Dec;12(8):963-74.
 55. Lipton RB, Stewart WF, Sawyer J, Edmeads JG. Clinical utility of an instrument assessing migraine disability: the Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) questionnaire. *Headache* 2001 Oct;41(9):854-61.
 56. Stewart WF, Lipton RB, Kolodner KB, Sawyer J, Lee C, Liberman JN. Validity of the Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) score in comparison to a diary-based measure in a population sample of migraine sufferers. *Pain* 2000 Oct;88(1):41-52.
 57. Stewart WF, Lipton RB, Whyte J, Dowson A, Kolodner K, Liberman JN, et al. An international study to assess reliability of the Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) score. *Neurology* 1999 Sep 22;53(5):988-94.
 58. Stewart WF, Lipton RB, Dowson AJ, Sawyer J. Development and testing of the Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) Questionnaire to assess headache-related disability. *Neurology*. 2001;56(6 Suppl 1):S20-8.
 59. Edmeads J, Lainez JM, Brandes JL, Schoenen J, Freitag F. Potential of the Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS) Questionnaire as a public health initiative and in clinical practice. *Neurology* 2001;56(6 Suppl 1):S29-34.
 60. Stewart WF, Lipton RB, Kolodner K. Migraine disability assessment (MIDAS) score: relation to headache frequency, pain intensity, and headache symptoms. *Headache* 2003 Mar;43(3):258-65.
 61. Jhingran P, Cady RK, Rubino J, Miller D, Grice RB, Gutterman DL. Improvements in health-related quality of

- life with sumatriptan treatment for migraine. *J Fam Pract* 1996;42(1):36-42.
62. Cady RK, Sheftell F, Lipton RB, Kwong WJ, O'Quinn S. Economic implications of early treatment of migraine with sumatriptan tablets. *Clin Ther* 2001;23:284-91.
 63. Lofland JH, Johnson NE, Batenhorst AS, Nash DB. Changes in resource use and outcomes for patients with migraine treated with sumatriptan: a managed care perspective. *Arch Intern Med* 1999;159(8):857-63.
 64. Lipton RB, Stewart WF, Sawyer J. Stratified care is a more effective strategy than stepped care: results of a randomized clinical trial. *Neurology* 2000;54(Suppl 3):A14.
 65. Gladstone JP, Dodick DW. Current and emerging treatment options for migraine and other primary headache disorders. *Expert Rev Neurotherapeutics* 2003;3:89-116.
 66. Evers S, Frese A. Recent advances in the treatment of headaches. *Curr Opin Anaesthesiol* 2005 Oct;18(5):563-8.
 67. Kaniecki R. Intercepting migraine: results of early therapy with nonspecific and migraine-specific agents. *Curr Treat Options Neurol* 2006 Jan;8(1):3-10.
 68. Foley KA, Cady R, Martin V, Adelman J, Diamond M, Bell CF, Dayno JM, Hu XH. Treating early versus treating mild: timing of migraine prescription medications among patients with diagnosed migraine. *Headache* 2005 May;45(5):538-45.
 69. King-Hee Ho, Benjamin KC Ong, Kwok-Chun Lun Patterns of patient consultation and management for headache: findings from a Singapore community survey. *Neurol J Southeast Asia* 1997;2:163-9.
 70. Matchar et al. Evidence-Based Guidelines for Migraine Headache in the Primary Care Setting: Pharmacological Management of Acute Attacks. US Headache Consortium, American Academy of Neurology.

71. Olesen J, Diener HC, Schoenen J, Hettiarachchi J. No effect of eletriptan administration during the aura phase of migraine. *Eur J Neurol* 2004 Oct;11(10):671-7.
72. Bates D, Ashford E, Dawson R, Ensink FB, Gilhus NE, Olesen J, Pilgrim AJ, Shevlin P. Subcutaneous sumatriptan during the migraine aura. Sumatriptan Aura Study Group. *Neurology*. 1994 Sep;44(9):1587-92.
73. Belsey JD. Cost effectiveness of oral triptan therapy: a trans-national comparison based on a meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials. *Curr Med Res Opin* 2004 May;20(5):659-69.
74. Perfetto EM, Weis KA, Mullins CD, Subedi P, Healey PJ Sr. An economic evaluation of triptan products for migraine. *Value Health* 2005 Nov-Dec;8(6):647-55.
75. Mathew NT, Kailasam J, Gentry P, Chernyshev O. Treatment of nonresponders to oral sumatriptan with zolmitriptan and rizatriptan: a comparative open trial. *Headache* 2000;40:464-5.
76. Stark S, Spierings EL, McNeal S, et al. Naratriptan efficacy in migraineurs who respond poorly to oral sumatriptan. *Headache* 2000;40:513-20.
77. Headache Classification Committee of the International Headache Society. Classification and diagnostic criteria for headache disorders, cranial neuralgias, and facial pain. *Cephalalgia* 1988;8(suppl 7):1-96.
78. Silberstein SD, Lipton RB. Chronic daily headache. In: Goadsby PJ, Silberstein SD, eds. *Blue Books of Practical Neurology: Headache*. Boston, MA:Butterworth-Heinemann; 1997:201-25.
79. Ramadan NM, Silberstein SD, Freitag FG, Gilbert TT, Frishberg BM. Evidence-based guidelines for migraine headache in the primary care setting: pharmacological management for prevention of migraine. (<http://www.aan.com>)

80. Boureau F, Joubert JM, Lasserre V, Prum B, Delecoeuillerie G. Double-blind comparison of an acetaminophen 400 mg-codeine 25 mg combination versus aspirin 1000 mg and placebo in acute migraine attack. *Cephalalgia* 1994;14(2):156-61.
81. Tfelt-Hansen P, Olesen J. Effervescent metoclopramide and aspirin (Migravess) versus effervescent aspirin or placebo for migraine attacks: a double-blind study. *Cephalalgia* 1984;4(2):107-11.
82. Havanka-Kanniainen H. Treatment of acute migraine attack: ibuprofen and placebo compared. *Headache* 1989;29(8):507-9.
83. Kloster R, Nestvold K, Vilming ST. A double-blind study of ibuprofen versus placebo in the treatment of acute migraine attacks. *Cephalalgia* 1992;12(3):169-71.
84. Johnson ES, Ratcliffe DM, Wilkinson M. Naproxen sodium in the treatment of migraine. *Cephalalgia* 1985;5(1):5-10.
85. Sargent JD, Baumel B, Peters K, Diamond S, et al. Aborting a migraine attack: naproxen sodium vs. ergotamine plus caffeine. *Headache* 1988;28(4):263-6.
86. Del Bene E, Poggioni M, Garagiola U, Maresca V. Intramuscular treatment of migraine attacks using diclofenac sodium: a crossover clinical trial. *J Int Med Res* 1987;15(1):44-8.
87. Dahlöf C, Björkman R. Diclofenac-K (50 and 100 mg) and placebo in the acute treatment of migraine. *Cephalalgia* 1993;13(2):117-23.
88. Coppola M, Yealy DM, Leibold RA. Randomized, placebo-controlled evaluation of prochlorperazine versus metoclopramide for emergency department treatment of migraine headache. *Ann Emerg Med* 1995;26(5):541-6.

89. Ellis GL, Delaney J, DeHart DA, Owens A. The efficacy of metoclopramide in the treatment of migraine headache. *Ann Emerg Med* 1993;22(2):191-5.
90. Tek DS, McClellan DS, Olshaker JS, Allen CL, Arthur DC. A prospective, double-blind study of metoclopramide hydrochloride for the control of migraine in the emergency department. *Ann Emerg Med* 1990;19(10):1083-7.
91. Tfelt-Hansen P, Olesen J, Aebelholt-Krabbe A, Melgaard B, Veilis B. A double blind study of metoclopramide in the treatment of migraine attacks. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 1980;43(4):369-71.
92. Coppola M, Yealy DM, Leibold RA. Randomized, placebo-controlled evaluation of prochlorperazine versus metoclopramide for emergency department treatment of migraine headache. *Ann Emerg Med* 1995;26(5):541-6.
93. Jones J, Pack S, Chun E. Intramuscular prochlorperazine versus metoclopramide as single agent therapy for the treatment of acute migraine headache. *Am J Emerg Med* 1996;14(3):262-4.
94. Amery WK, Waelkens J. Prevention of the last chance: an alternative pharmacologic treatment of migraine. *Headache* 1983;23(1):37-8.
95. Waelkens J. Dopamine blockade with domperidone: bridge between prophylactic and abortive treatment of migraine? A dose-finding study. *Cephalalgia* 1984;4(2):85-90.
96. Kangasniemi P, Kaaja R. Ketoprofen and ergotamine in acute migraine. *J Intern Med* 1992;231(5):551-4.
97. Ostfeld AM. A study of migraine pharmacotherapy. *Am J Med Sci* 1961;241:192-8.
98. Waters WE. A randomized controlled trial of ergotamine tartrate. *Br J Prev Soc Med* 1970;24(1):65.

99. Friedman AP, DiSerio FJ, Hwang DS. Symptomatic relief of migraine: multicenter comparison of Cafergot P-B, Cafergot, and placebo. *Clin Ther* 1989;11(1):170-82.
100. Ryan RE. Double-blind clinical evaluation of the efficacy and safety of ergostine-caffeine, ergotamine-caffeine, and placebo in migraine headache. *Headache* 1970;9(4):212-20.
101. Sargent JD, Baumel B, Peters K, Diamond S, et al. Aborting a migraine attack: naproxen sodium vs. ergotamine plus caffeine. *Headache* 1988;28(4):263-6.
102. Akpunonu BE, Mutgi AB, Federman DJ, Volinsky FG, Brickman K, Davis RL, Gilbert C, Asgharnejad M. Subcutaneous sumatriptan for treatment of acute migraine in patients admitted to the emergency department: a multicenter study. *Ann Emerg Med* 1995;25(4):464-9.
103. Bates D, Ashford E, Dawson R, Ensink FB, Gilhus NE, Olesen J, et al. Subcutaneous sumatriptan during the migraine aura. Sumatriptan Aura Study Group. *Neurology* 1994;44(9):1587-92.
104. Bousser MG, d'Allens H, Richard A. Efficacy of subcutaneous sumatriptan in the acute treatment of early-morning migraine: a placebo-controlled trial. Early-Morning Migraine Sumatriptan Study Group. *J Intern Med* 1993;234(2):211-6.
105. Cady RK, Dexter J, Sargent JD, Markley H, Osterhaus JT, Webster CJ. Efficacy of subcutaneous sumatriptan in repeated episodes of migraine. *Neurology* 1993;43(7):1363-8.
106. Cady RK, Wendt JK, Kirchner JR, Sargent JD, Rothrock JF, Skaggs H Jr. Treatment of acute migraine with subcutaneous sumatriptan. *JAMA* 1991;265(21):2831-5.
107. Facchinetti F, Bonellie G, Kangasniemi P, Pascual J, Shuaib A for The Sumatriptan Menstrual Migraine Study Group. The efficacy and safety of subcutaneous sumatriptan in the

- acute treatment of menstrual migraine. *Obstet Gynecol* 1995;86(6):911-6.
108. Cady RC, Ryan R, Jhingran P, O'Quinn S, Pait DG. Sumatriptan injection reduces productivity loss during a migraine attack: results of a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial. *Arch Intern Med* 1998;158(9):1013-8.
 109. Gross ML, Kay J, Turner AM, Hallett K, Cleal AL, Hassani H for The United Kingdom Study Group. Sumatriptan in acute migraine using a novel cartridge system self-injector. *Headache* 1994;34(10):559-63.
 110. Henry P, d'Allens H. Subcutaneous sumatriptan in the acute treatment of migraine in patients using dihydroergotamine as prophylaxis. *Headache* 1993;33(8):432-5.
 111. Jensen K, Tfelt-Hansen P, Hansen EW, Krois EH, Pedersen OS. Introduction of a novel selfinjector for sumatriptan. A controlled clinical trial in general practice. *Cephalalgia* 1995;15(5):423-9.
 112. Mathew NT, Dexter J, Couch J, et al. for The US Sumatriptan Research Group. Dose ranging efficacy and safety of subcutaneous sumatriptan in the acute treatment of migraine. *Arch Neurol* 1992;49(12):1271-6.
 113. Russell MB, Holm-Thomsen OE, Rishoj Nielsen M, Cleal A, Pilgrim AJ, Olesen J. A randomized double-blind placebo-controlled crossover study of subcutaneous sumatriptan in general practice. *Cephalalgia* 1994;14(4):291-6.
 114. Subcutaneous Sumatriptan International Study Group. Treatment of migraine attacks with sumatriptan. *N Engl J Med* 1991;325(5):316-21.
 115. Sumatriptan Auto-Injector Study Group. Self-treatment of acute migraine with subcutaneous sumatriptan using an auto-injector device. *Eur Neurol* 1991;31(5):323-31.

116. Cutler N, Mushet GR, Davis R, Clements B, Whitcher L. Oral sumatriptan for the acute treatment of migraine: evaluation of three dosage strengths. *Neurology* 1995;45(8 suppl 7):S5-S9.
117. Jackson NC. A comparison of oral eletriptan (UK-116,044) (20-80 mg) and oral sumatriptan (100 mg) in the acute treatment of migraine. *Cephalalgia* 1996;16:368-99.
118. Myllylä VV, Havanka H, Herrala L, et al. Tolfenamic acid rapid release versus sumatriptan in the acute treatment of migraine: comparable effect in a double-blind, randomized, controlled, parallelgroup study. *Headache* 1998;38(3):201-7.
119. Nappi G, Sicuteri F, Byrne M, Roncolato M, Zerbini O. Oral sumatriptan compared with placebo in the acute treatment of migraine. *J Neurol* 1994;241(3):138-44.
120. Oral Sumatriptan Dose-Defining Study Group. Sumatriptan--an oral dose-defining study. *Eur Neurol* 1991;31(5):300-5.
121. Oral Sumatriptan International Multiple-Dose Study Group. Evaluation of a multiple-dose regimen of oral sumatriptan for the acute treatment of migraine. *Eur Neurol* 1991;31(5):306-13.
122. Pfaffenrath V, Cunin G, Sjonell G, Prendergast S. Efficacy and safety of sumatriptan tablets (25 mg, 50 mg, and 100 mg) in the acute treatment of migraine: defining the optimum doses of oral sumatriptan. *Headache* 1998;38(3):184-90.
123. Pini LA, Sternieri E, Fabbri L, Zerbini O, Bamfi F, for The Oral Sumatriptan Italian Study Group. High efficacy and low frequency of headache recurrence after oral sumatriptan. *J Int Med Res* 1995;23(2):96-105.
124. Sargent J, Kirchner JR, Davis R, Kirkhart B. Oral sumatriptan is effective and well tolerated for the acute treatment of migraine: results of a multicenter study. *Neurology* 1995;45(8 suppl 7):S10-S4.

125. Tfelt-Hansen P, Henry P, Mulder LJ, Scheldewaert RG, Schoenen J, Chazot G. The effectiveness of combined oral lysine acetylsalicylate and metoclopramide compared with oral sumatriptan for migraine. *Lancet* 1995;346(8980):923-6.
126. Cutler NR, Claghorn J, Sramek JJ, et al. Pilot study of MK-462 in migraine. *Cephalalgia* 1996;16(2):113-6.
127. Rapoport AM, Ramadan NM, Adelman JU, et al. For the 017 Clinical Trial Study Group: Optimizing the dose of zolmitriptan (Zomig, 311C90) for the acute treatment of migraine. A multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose range-finding study. *Neurology* 1997;49(5):1210-8.
128. Solomon GD, Cady RK, Klapper JA, Earl NL, Saper JR, Ramadan NM. For the 042 Clinical Trial Study Group Clinical efficacy and tolerability of 2.5 mg zolmitriptan for the acute treatment of migraine. *Neurology* 1997;49(5):1219-25.
129. Visser WH, Klein KB, Cox RC, Jones D, Ferrari MD. 311C90, a new central and peripherally acting 5-HT_{1D} receptor agonist in the acute oral treatment of migraine: a double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose-range finding study. *Neurology* 1996;46(2):522-6.
130. Klassen A, Elkind A, Asgharnejad M, Webster C, Laurenza A. for the Naratriptan S2WA3001 Study Group. Naratriptan is effective and well tolerated in the acute treatment of migraine. Results of a double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study. *Headache* 1997;37(10):640-5.
131. Mathew NT, Asgharnejad M, Peykamian M, Laurenza A. For the Naratriptan S2WA3003 Study Group. Naratriptan is effective and well tolerated in the acute treatment of migraine. Results of a double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover study. *Neurology* 1997; 49(6):1485-90.
132. Diener HC. Eletriptan in migraine. *Expert Rev Neurother* 2005 Jan;5(1):43-53.

133. Takiya L, Piccininni LC, Kamath V. Safety and efficacy of eletriptan in the treatment of acute migraine. *Pharmacotherapy* 2006 Jan;26(1):115-28.
134. Stark R, Dahlof C, Haughie S, Hettiarachchi J; Eletriptan Steering Committee. Efficacy, safety and tolerability of oral eletriptan in the acute treatment of migraine: results of a phase III, multicentre, placebo-controlled study across three attacks. *Cephalalgia* 2002 Feb;22(1):23-32.
135. Diener HC, Jansen JP, Reches A, Pascual J, Pitei D, Steiner TJ. Eletriptan and Cafergot Comparative Study Group. Efficacy, tolerability and safety of oral eletriptan and ergotamine plus caffeine (Cafergot) in the acute treatment of migraine: a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled comparison. *Eur Neurol* 2002;47(2):99-107.
136. Matchar et al. Evidence-Based Guidelines for Migraine Headache in the Primary Care Setting: Pharmacological Management of Acute Attacks. US Headache Consortium, American Academy of Neurology.
137. Tfelt-Hansen P, Welch KMA. General principles of pharmacologic treatment. In: Oleson J, Tfelt-Hansen P, Welch KMA, eds. *The Headaches*. New York, NY:Raven Press, 1993:299-303.)
138. (Silberstein SD, Lipton RB. Chronic daily headache. In: Goadsby PJ, Silberstein SD, eds. *Blue Books of Practical Neurology: Headache*. Boston, MA: Butterworth-Heinemann; 1997:201-25.)
139. Forssman B, Lindblad CJ, Zbornikova V. Atenolol for migraine prophylaxis. *Headache* 1983;23(4):188-90.
140. Johannsson V, Nilsson LR, Widelius T, et al. Atenolol in migraine prophylaxis: a doubleblind cross-over multicentre study. *Headache* 1987;27(7):372-4.
141. Ahuja GK, Verma AK. Propranolol in prophylaxis of migraine. *Indian J Med Res* 1985;82:263-5.

142. Børgesen SE, Nielsen JL, Møller CE. Prophylactic treatment of migraine with propranolol: a clinical trial. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1974;50(5):651-6.
143. Dahlöf C. No clearcut longterm prophylactic effect of one month of treatment with propranolol in migraineurs. *Cephalalgia* 1987;7(suppl 6):459-60.
144. Forssman B, Henriksson KG, Johannsson V, Lindvall L, Lundin H. Propranolol for migraine prophylaxis. *Headache* 1976;16(5):238-45.
145. Johnson RH, Hornabrook RW, Lambie DG. Comparison of mefenamic acid and propranolol with placebo in migraine prophylaxis. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1986;73(5):490-2.
146. Mikkelsen B, Pedersen KK, Christiansen LV. Prophylactic treatment of migraine with tolfenamic acid, propranolol, and placebo. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1986;73(4):423-7.
147. Pita E, Higuera A, Bolaños J, Perez N, Mundo A. Propranolol and migraine: a clinical trial. *Arch Pharmacol Toxicol* 1977;3(3):273-8.
148. Pradalier A, Serratrice G, Collard M, et al. Long-acting propranolol in migraine prophylaxis: results of a double-blind, placebo-controlled study. *Cephalalgia* 1989;9(4):247-53.
149. Sargent J, Solbach P, Damasio H, Baumel B, Corbett J, Eisner L, et al. A comparison of naproxen sodium to propranolol hydrochloride and a placebo control for the prophylaxis of migraine headache. *Headache* 1985;25(6):320-4.
150. Stensrud P, Sjaastad O. Short-term clinical trial of propranolol in racemic form (Inderal), D-propranolol, and placebo in migraine. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1976;53(3):229-32.
151. Tfelt-Hansen P, Standnes B, Kangasniemi P, Hakkarainen H, Olesen J. Timolol vs. propranolol vs. placebo in common

- migraine prophylaxis: a double-blind multicenter trial. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1984;69(1):1-8.
152. Widerøe TE, Vigander T. Propranolol in the treatment of migraine. *Br Med J* 1974;2(921):699-701.
 153. Andersson PG, Dahl S, Hansen JH, Hansen PE, Hedman C, Kristensen TN, de Fine, Olivarius B. Prophylactic treatment of classical and non-classical migraine with metoprolol: a comparison with placebo. *Cephalalgia* 1983;3(4):207-12.
 154. Kangasniemi P, Andersen AR, Andersson PG, et al. Classic migraine: effective prophylaxis with metoprolol. *Cephalalgia* 1987;7(4):231-8.
 155. Steiner TJ, Joseph R, Hedman C, Rose FC. Metoprolol in the prophylaxis of migraine: parallel-groups comparison with placebo and dose-ranging follow-up. *Headache*. 1988;28(1):15-23.
 156. Gerber WD, Diener HC, Scholz E, Niederberger U. Responders and non-responders to metoprolol, propranolol, and nifedipine treatment in migraine prophylaxis: a dose-range study based on time-series analysis. *Cephalalgia* 1991;11(1):37-45.
 157. Kangasniemi P, Hedman C. Metoprolol and propranolol in the prophylactic treatment of classical and common migraine: a double-blind study. *Cephalalgia* 1984;4(2):91-6.
 158. Olsson JE, Behring HC, Forssman B, et al. Metoprolol and propranolol in migraine prophylaxis: a double-blind multicentre study. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1984;70(3):160-8.
 159. van de Ven LL, Franke CL, Koehler PJ. Prophylactic treatment of migraine with bisoprolol: a placebo-controlled study. *Cephalalgia* 1997 Aug;17(5):596-9.
 160. al Deeb SM, Biary N, Bahou Y, al Jaber M, Khoja W. Flunarizine in migraine: a double-blind placebo-controlled study (in a Saudi population). *Headache* 1992;32(9):461-2.

161. Diamond S, Freitag FG. A double-blind trial of flunarizine in migraine prophylaxis. *Headache Q* 1993;4(2):169-72.
162. Louis P. A double-blind placebo-controlled prophylactic study of flunarizine (Sibelium) in migraine. *Headache* 1981;21(6):235-9.
163. Mendenopoulos G, Manafi T, Logothetis I, Bostantjopoulou S. Flunarizine in the prevention of classical migraine: a placebo-controlled evaluation. *Cephalalgia*. 1985;5(1):31-7.
164. Pini LA, Ferrari A, Guidetti G, Galetti G, Sternieri E. Influence of flunarizine on the altered electronystagmographic (ENG) recordings in migraine. *Cephalalgia* 1985;5(suppl 2):173-5.
165. Sørensen PS, Hansen K, Olesen J. A placebo-controlled, double-blind, cross-over trial of flunarizine in common migraine. *Cephalalgia* 1986;6(1):7-14.
166. Thomas M, Behari M, Ahuja GK. Flunarizine in migraine prophylaxis: an Indian trial. *Headache* 1991;31(9):613-5.
167. Frenken CW, Nuijten ST. Flunarizine, a new preventive approach to migraine: a double-blind comparison with placebo. *Clin Neurol Neurosurg* 1984;86(1):17-20.
168. Solomon GD. Verapamil and propranolol in migraine prophylaxis: a double-blind crossover study. *Headache* 1986;26:325.
169. Markley HG, Cheronis JC, Piepho RW. Verapamil in prophylactic therapy of migraine. *Neurology* 1984;34(7):973-6.
170. Solomon GD, Steel JG, Spaccavento LJ. Verapamil prophylaxis of migraine: a doubleblind, placebo-controlled study. *JAMA* 1983;250(18):2500-2.
171. Bellavance AJ, Meloche JP. A comparative study of naproxen sodium, pizotyline, and placebo in migraine prophylaxis. *Headache* 1990;30(11):710-5.

172. Ryan RE. Double-blind crossover comparison of BC-105, methysergide, and placebo in the prophylaxis of migraine headache. *Headache* 1968;8(3):118-26.
173. Arthur GP, Hornabrook RW. The treatment of migraine with BC 105 (pizotifen): a double-blind trial. *N Z Med J* 1971;73(464):5-9.
174. Carroll JD, Maclay WP. Pizotifen (BC 105) in migraine prophylaxis. *Curr Med Res Opin* 1975;3(2):68-71.
175. Hughes RC, Foster JB. BC 105 in the prophylaxis of migraine. *Curr Ther Res Clin Exp* 1971;13(1):63-8.
176. Krakowski AJ, Engisch R. A new agent for chemotherapy of migraine headaches: a controlled study. *Psychosomatics* 1973;14(5):302-8.
177. Lance JW, Anthony M. Clinical trial of a new serotonin antagonist, BC105, in the prevention of migraine. *Med J Aust* 1968;1(2):54-5.
178. Lawrence ER, Hossain M, Littlestone W. Sandomigran for migraine prophylaxis: controlled multicenter trial in general practice. *Headache* 1977;17(3):109-12.
179. Osterman PO. A comparison between placebo, pizotifen, and 1-isopropyl-3-hydroxy-5-semicarbazono-6-oxo-2,3,5,6-tetrahydroindol (Divascan) in migraine prophylaxis. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1977;56(1):17-28.
180. Ryan RE. BC-105, a new preparation for the interval treatment of migraine: a double blind evaluation compared with a placebo. *Headache* 1971;11(1):6-18.
181. Sjaastad O, Stensrud P. Appraisal of BC-105 in migraine prophylaxis. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1969;45(5):594-600.
182. Symon DN, Russell G. Double blind placebo controlled trial of pizotifen syrup in the treatment of abdominal migraine. *Arch Dis Child* 1995 Jan;72(1):48-50.

183. Couch JR, Hassanein RS. Migraine and depression: effect of amitriptyline prophylaxis. *Trans Am Neurol Assoc* 1976;101:234-7.
184. Couch JR, Hassanein RS. Amitriptyline in migraine prophylaxis. *Arch Neurol* 1979;36(11):695-9.
185. Gomersall JD, Stuart A. Amitriptyline in migraine prophylaxis. Changes in pattern of attacks during a controlled clinical trial. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 1973;36(4):684-90.
186. Ziegler DK, Hurwitz A, Hassanein RS, Kodanaz HA, Preskorn SH, Mason J. Migraine prophylaxis: a comparison of propranolol and amitriptyline. *Arch Neurol* 1987;44(5):486-9.
187. Adly C, Straumanis J, Chesson A. Fluoxetine prophylaxis of migraine. *Headache* 1992;32(2):101-4.
188. Steiner TJ, Ahmed F, Findley LJ, MacGregor EA, Wilkinson M. S-fluoxetine in the prophylaxis of migraine: a phase II double-blind randomized placebo-controlled study. *Cephalalgia* 1998;18(5):283-6.
189. Ozyalcin SN, Talu GK, Kiziltan E, Yucel B, Ertas M, Disci R. The efficacy and safety of venlafaxine in the prophylaxis of migraine. *Headache* 2005 Feb;45(2):144-52.
190. Adelman LC, Adelman JU, Von Seggern R, Mannix LK. Venlafaxine extended release (XR) for the prophylaxis of migraine and tension-type headache: A retrospective study in a clinical setting. *Headache* 2000 Jul-Aug;40(7):572-80.
191. Klapper J. Divalproex sodium for migraine prophylaxis: a dose-controlled study. *Cephalalgia* 1997;17(2):103-8.
192. Mathew NT, Saper JR, Silberstein SD, et al. Migraine prophylaxis with divalproex. *Arch Neurol* 1995;52(3):281-6.

193. Hering R, Kuritzky A. Sodium valproate in the prophylactic treatment of migraine: a double-blind study versus placebo. *Cephalalgia* 1992;12(2):81-4.
194. Jensen R, Brinck T, Olesen J. Sodium valproate has a prophylactic effect in migraine without aura: a triple-blind, placebo-controlled crossover study. *Neurology* 1994;44(4):647-51.
195. Bussone G, Diener HC, Pfeil J, Schwalen S. Topiramate 100 mg/day in migraine prevention: a pooled analysis of double-blind randomised controlled trials. *Int J Clin Pract* 2005 Aug;59(8):961-8.
196. D'Amico D, Grazzi L, Usai S, Moschiano F, Bussone G. Topiramate in migraine prophylaxis. *Neurol Sci* 2005 May;26 Suppl 2:s130-3.
197. Mei D, Capuano A, Vollono C, Evangelista M, Ferraro D, Tonali P, et al. Topiramate in migraine prophylaxis: a randomised double-blind versus placebo study. *Neurol Sci* 2004 Dec;25(5):245-50.
198. Diener HC, Tfelt-Hansen P, Dahlof C, Lainez MJ, Sandrini G, Wang SJ, et al. MIGR-003 Study Group. Topiramate in migraine prophylaxis--results from a placebo-controlled trial with propranolol as an active control. *J Neurol* 2004 Aug;251(8):943-50.
199. Silberstein SD, Neto W, Schmitt J, Jacobs D. MIGR-001 Study Group. Topiramate in migraine prevention: results of a large controlled trial. *Arch Neurol* 2004 Apr;61(4):490-5.
200. Brandes JL, Saper JR, Diamond M, Couch JR, Lewis DW, Schmitt J, et al. MIGR-002 Study Group.. Topiramate for migraine prevention: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2004 Feb 25;291(8):965-73.
201. Storey JR, Calder CS, Hart DE, Potter DL. Topiramate in migraine prevention: a double-blind, placebo-controlled study. *Headache* 2001 Nov-Dec;41(10):968-75.

202. Mathew NT, Rapoport A, Saper J, Magnus L, Klapper J, Ramadan N, et al. Efficacy of gabapentin in migraine prophylaxis. *Headache* 2001;41(2):119-28.
203. Di Trapani G, Mei D, Marra C, Mazza S, Capuano A. Gabapentin in the prophylaxis of migraine: a double-blind randomized placebo-controlled study. *Clin Ter* 2000 May-Jun;151(3):145-8.
204. Bellavance AJ, Meloche JP. A comparative study of naproxen sodium, pizotyline, and placebo in migraine prophylaxis. *Headache* 1990;30(11):710-5.
205. Lindegaard KF, Övrelid L, Sjaastad O. Naproxen in the prevention of migraine attacks: a double-blind placebo-controlled cross-over study. *Headache* 1980;20(2):96-8.
206. Sances G, Martignoni E, Fioroni L, Blandini F, Facchinetti F, Nappi G. Naproxen sodium in menstrual migraine prophylaxis: a double-blind placebo controlled study. *Headache* 1990;30(11):705-9.
207. Szekely B, Merryman S, Croft H, Post G. Prophylactic effects of naproxen sodium on perimenstrual headache: a double-blind, placebo-controlled study. *Cephalalgia* 1989;9(suppl 10):452-3.
208. Welch KM, Ellis DJ, Keenan PA. Successful migraine prophylaxis with naproxen sodium. *Neurology* 1985;35(9):1304-10.
209. Ziegler DK, Ellis DJ. Naproxen in prophylaxis of migraine. *Arch Neurol* 1985;42(6):582-4.
210. Tronvik E, Stovner LJ, Helde G, Sand T, Bovim G. Prophylactic treatment of migraine with an angiotensin II receptor blocker: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2003 Jan 1;289(1):65-9.
211. Schrader H, Stovner LJ, Helde G, Sand T, Bovim G. Prophylactic treatment of migraine with angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (lisinopril): randomised,

- placebo controlled, crossover study. *BMJ* 2001 Jan 6;322(7277):19-22.
212. Palevitch D, Earon G, Carusso R. Feverfew (*Tanacetum parthenium*) as a prophylactic treatment for migraine: a double-blind placebo-controlled study. *Phytother Res* 1997;11:508-11.
 213. De Weerd CJ, Bootsma HPR, Hendriks H. Herbal medicines in migraine prevention: randomized double-blind placebo-controlled crossover trial of feverfew preparation. *Phytomedicine* 1996;3:225-30.
 214. Pfaffenrath V, Diener HC, Fischer M, Friede M, Henneicke-von Zepelin HH. The efficacy and safety of *Tanacetum parthenium* (feverfew) in migraine prophylaxis--a double-blind, multicentre, randomized placebo-controlled dose-response study. *Cephalalgia* 2002 Sep;22(7):523-32.
 215. Murphy JJ, Heptinstall S, Mitchell JR. Randomised double-blind placebo-controlled trial of feverfew in migraine prevention. *Lancet* 1988 Jul 23;2(8604):189-92.
 216. Peikert A, Wilimzig C, Köhne-Volland R. Prophylaxis of migraine with oral magnesium: results from a prospective, multi-center, placebo-controlled and double-blind randomized study. *Cephalalgia* 1996;16(4):257-63.
 217. Pfaffenrath V, Wessely P, Meyer C, et al. Magnesium in the prophylaxis of migraine – a double-blind, placebo-controlled study. *Cephalalgia* 1996;16(6):436-40.
 218. Facchinetti F, Sances G, Borella P, Genazzani AR, Nappi G. Magnesium prophylaxis of menstrual migraine: effects on intracellular magnesium. *Headache* 1991;31(5):298-301.
 219. Schoenen J, Jacquy J, Lenaerts M. Effectiveness of high-dose riboflavin in migraine prophylaxis. A randomized controlled trial. *Neurology* 1998;50(2):466-70.

220. Schoenen J, Lenaerts M, Bastings E. High-dose riboflavin as a prophylactic treatment of migraine: results of an open pilot study. *Cephalalgia* 1994 Oct;14(5):328-9.
221. Maizels M, Blumenfeld A, Burchette R. A combination of riboflavin, magnesium, and feverfew for migraine prophylaxis: a randomized trial. *Headache* 2004 Oct;44(9):885-90.
222. Sandor PS, Di Clemente L, Coppola G, Saenger U, Fumal A, Magis D, et al. Efficacy of coenzyme Q10 in migraine prophylaxis: a randomized controlled trial. *Neurology* 2005 Feb 22;64(4):713-5.
223. Chilson CN, Brown SJ. Role of botulinum toxin type A in the prophylactic treatment of migraine headaches. *Ann Pharmacother* 2005 Dec;39(12):2081-5.
224. Gobel H. Botulinum toxin in migraine prophylaxis. *J Neurol* 2004 Feb;251 Suppl 1:I8-11.
225. Silberstein S, Mathew N, Saper J, Jenkins S. Botulinum toxin type A as a migraine preventive treatment. For the BOTOX Migraine Clinical Research Group. *Headache* 2000 Jun;40(6):445-50.
226. Evers S, Rahmann A, Vollmer-Haase J, Husstedt IW. Treatment of headache with botulinum toxin A - a review according to evidence-based medicine criteria. *Cephalalgia* 2002;22:699-710.
227. Diener HC, Rahlfs VW, Danesch U. The first placebo-controlled trial of a special butterbur root extract for the prevention of migraine: reanalysis of efficacy criteria. *Eur Neurol* 2004;51(2):89-97.
228. Grossmann M, Schmidramsl H. An extract of *Petasites hybridus* is effective in the prophylaxis of migraine. *Int J Clin Pharmacol Ther* 2000 Sep;38(9):430-5.
229. Lipton RB, Gobel H, Einhaupl KM, Wilks K, Mauskop A. *Petasites hybridus* root (butterbur) is an effective preventive

- treatment for migraine. *Neurology* 2004 Dec 28;63(12):2240-4.
230. Whitmarsh TE, Coleston-Shields DM, Steiner TJ. Double-blind randomized placebo-controlled study of homeopathic prophylaxis of migraine. *Cephalalgia* 1997 Aug;17(5):600-4.
231. Straumsheim P, Borchgrevink C, Mowinckel P, Kierulf H, Hafslund O. Homeopathic treatment of migraine: a double blind, placebo controlled trial of 68 patients. *Br Homeopath J* 2000 Jan;89(1):4-7.
232. Silberstein SD. Practice parameter: Evidence-based guidelines for migraine headache (an evidence based review): report of the Quality Standards Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology. *Neurology* 2000; 55:754-62.
233. Hickling EJ, Silverman DJ, Loos W. A non-pharmacological treatment of vascular headache during pregnancy. *Headache* 1990;30:407-10.
234. Marcus DA, Scharff L, Turk DC. Nonpharmacological management of migraines in pregnancy. *Psychosom Med* 1995;57:527-35.
235. Aube M. Migraine in pregnancy. *Neurology* 1999;53(Suppl 1):S26-8.
236. Loder E. Safety of sumatriptan in pregnancy: A review of the data so far. *CNS Drugs* 2003;17(1):1-7.
237. Demirkaya S, Vural O, Dora B, Topcuoglu MA. Efficacy of intravenous magnesium sulfate in the treatment of acute migraine attacks. *Headache* 2001 Feb;41(2):171-7.
238. Rozen TD. Aborting a prolonged migrainous aura with intravenous prochlorperazine and magnesium sulfate. *Headache* 2003 Sep;43(8):901-3.

239. Bousser MG, Massiou H. Migraine in the reproductive cycle. In: Olesen J, Tfelt-Hansen P, Welch KM, editors. *The headaches*. New York: Raven 1993:413-9.
240. Pfaffenrath V, Rehm M. Migraine in pregnancy: what are the safest treatment options? *Drug Saf* 1998;19:383-8.
241. Gendolla A, Evers S. Difficult decisions: headache treatment in pregnancy and childhood. *Schmerz* 2004 Oct;18(5):378-84.
242. Silberstein SD. Headaches in pregnancy. *Neurol Clin* 2004;(4):727-56.
243. Marcus DA. Headache in pregnancy. *Curr Pain Headache Rep* 2003;7:288-96.
244. American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Drugs: The transfer of drugs and other chemicals into human milk. *Pediatrics* 1994;93:137-50.
245. Macgregor EA, Hackshaw A. Prevention of migraine in the pill-free interval of combined oral contraceptives: a double-blind, placebo-controlled pilot study using natural oestrogen supplements. *J Fam Plann Reprod Health Care* 2002 Jan;28(1):27-31.
246. Dennerstein L, Morse C, Burrows G, Oats J, Brown J, Smith M. Menstrual migraine: a double-blind trial of percutaneous estradiol. *Gynecol Endocrinol* 1988;2(2):113-20.
247. de Lignières B, Vincens M, Mauvais-Jarvis P, Mas JL, Touboul PJ, Bousser MG. Prevention of menstrual migraine by percutaneous oestradiol. *Br Med J* 1986;293:1540.
248. Sances G, Martignoni E, Fioroni L, Blandini F, Facchinetti F, Nappi G. Naproxen sodium in menstrual migraine prophylaxis: a double-blind placebo controlled study. *Headache* 1990 Nov;30(11):705-9.

249. Newman L, Mannix LK, Landy S, Silberstein S, Lipton RB, Putnam DG, et al. Naratriptan as short-term prophylaxis of menstrually associated migraine: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study. *Headache* 2001 Mar;41(3):248-56.
250. Facchinetti F, Sances G, Borella P, Genazzani AR, Nappi G. Magnesium prophylaxis of menstrual migraine: effects on intracellular magnesium. *Headache* 1991 May;31:298-301.
251. Benson MD, Rebar RW. Relationship of migraine headache and stroke to oral contraceptive use. *J Reprod Med* 1986;31:1082-8.
252. Damen L, Bruijn JK, Verhagen AP, Berger MY, Passchier J, Koes BW. Symptomatic treatment of migraine in children: a systematic review of medication trials. *Pediatrics* 2005 Aug;116(2):e295-302.
253. Lewis DW, Scott D, Rendin V. Treatment of paediatric headache. *Expert Opin Pharmacother* 2002 Oct;3(10):1433-42.
254. Lewis DW, Yonker M, Winner P, Sowell M. The treatment of pediatric migraine. *Pediatr Ann* 2005 Jun;34(6):448-60.
255. Victor S, Ryan SW. Drugs for preventing migraine headaches in children. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2003;(4):CD002761.
256. Lewis DW, Diamond S, Scott D, Jones V. Prophylactic treatment of pediatric migraine. *Headache* 2004 Mar;44(3):230-7.
257. Pakalnis A, Greenberg G, Drake ME Jr, Paolichi J. Pediatric migraine prophylaxis with divalproex. *J Child Neurol* 2001 Oct;16(10):731-4.
258. Serdaroglu G, Erhan E, Tekgul H, Oksel F, Eremis S, Uyar M, et al. Sodium valproate prophylaxis in childhood migraine. *Headache* 2002 Sep;42(8):819-22.

259. Hershey AD, Powers SW, Vockell AL, LeCates S, Kabbouche M. Effectiveness of topiramate in the prevention of childhood headaches. *Headache* 2002 Sep;42(8):810-8.
260. Campistol J, Campos J, Casas C, Herranz JL. Topiramate in the prophylactic treatment of migraine in children. *J Child Neurol* 2005 Mar;20(3):251-3.
261. Miller GS. Efficacy and safety of levetiracetam in pediatric migraine. *Headache* 2004 Mar;44(3):238-43.
262. Lake AE 3rd. Behavioural and nonpharmacological treatment of headache. *Med Clin North America* 2001;85:1055-75.
263. Rowan AB, Andrasik F. Efficacy and cost-effectiveness of minimal therapist contact treatments of chronic headache: a review. *Behaviour Therapy* 1996;27:207-34.
264. Silberstein SD, Rosenberg J. Multi-specialty consensus on diagnosis and treatment of headache. *Neurology* 2000;54:1553-4.
265. Holroyd KA, O'Donnell FJ, Stensland M, Lipchik GL, Cordingley GE, Carlson BW. Management of chronic tension-type headache with TCA medication, stress management therapy, and their combination: a randomised controlled trial. *JAMA* 2001;285:2209-15.
266. Lipchik GL, Nash JM: Cognitive-behavioural issues in the treatment and management of chronic daily headache. *Curr Pain Headache Rep* 2002;6:473-9.
267. Melis PML, Rooimans W, Spierings ELH & Hoogduin CAL. Treatment of chronic tension-type headache with hypnotherapy: a single-blind time controlled study. *Headache* 1991;31:686-9.
268. Holroyd KA, Penzien DB. Pharmacological versus non-pharmacological prophylaxis of recurrent migraine headache: a meta-analytic review of clinical trials. *Pain* 1990;42:1-13.

269. Headache Classification Committee of the International Headache Society. The International Classification of Headache Disorders (second edition). *Cephalalgia* 2004; 24:1-160.
270. Haas DC. Chronic posttraumatic headaches classified and compared with natural headaches. *Cephalalgia* 1996;16:486-93.
271. Hachinski VV. Posttraumatic headache. *Arch Neurol* 2000;57:1780.
272. Packard RC, Weaver R, Ham LP. Cognitive symptoms in patients with posttraumatic headache. *Headache* 1993;33:365-8.
273. Ramadan N, Keidel M. Chronic posttraumatic headache. In: *The Headaches*. Olesen J, Tfelt-Hansen P, Welch KMA (eds). Lippincott & Wilkins. Philadelphia 2000:771-80.
274. Evans RW. Some observations on whiplash injuries. *Neurol Clin* 1992;10:975-98.
275. Schrader H, Obelieniene D, Bovim G, Surkiene D, Mickeviciene D, Miseviciene I, et al. Natural evolution of late whiplash syndrome outside the medicolegal context. *Lancet* 1996;347:1207-11.
276. Bono G, Antonaci F, Ghirmai S, D'Angelo F, Berger M, Nappi G. Whiplash injuries: clinical picture and diagnosis work-up. *Clin Exp Rheumatol* 2000;18 (S19):S23-S28.
277. Jensen TS, Gorrelick PB. Headache associated with stroke and intracranial hematoma. In: *The Headaches*. 2nd edition. J. Olesen, P.
278. Ooba S, Shiomi N, Shigemori M. Clinical features and surgical results of chronic subdural hematoma in the extremely aged patients. *No Shinkei Geka* 2006 Mar;34(3):273-8.

279. Verweij RD, Wijdicks EFM, van Gijn J. Warning headache in aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage. A case control study. *Arch Neurol* 1988;45:1019-20.
280. Linn FH, Rinkel GJ, Algra A, van Gijn J. Headache characteristics in subarachnoid haemorrhage and benign thunderclap headache. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psych* 1998;65:791-3.
281. De Bruijn SF, Stam J, Kappelle LJ. Thunderclap headache as first symptom of cerebral venous thrombosis. *Lancet* 1996;348:1623-5.
282. Solomon S, Cappa KG. The headache of temporal arteritis. *J Am Geriatr Soc* 1987;35:163-5.
283. Gamache FW, Patterson RH, Alksne JF. Headache associated with changes in intracranial pressure. In Wolff's headache and other head pain, (Dalessio DJ, ed.) Oxford University Press, New York 1987; pp.352-5.
284. Giuseffi V, Wall M, Siegal PZ, Rojas PB. Symptoms and disease associations in idiopathic intracranial hypertension (pseudotumor cerebri): A case control study. *Neurology* 1991;41:239-44.
285. Wall, M. The headache profile of idiopathic intracranial hypertension. *Cephalalgia* 1990;10:331-5.
286. Hochman MS, Naidich TP, Kobetz SA, Fernandez-Maitin A. Spontaneous intracranial hypotension with pachymeningeal enhancement on MRI. *Neurology* 1992;42:1628-30.
287. Mokri B, Posner JB. Spontaneous intracranial hypotension. The broadening spectrum of CSF leaks. *Neurology* 2000;55:1771-2.
288. Chung SJ, Kim JS, Lee M. Syndrome of cerebral fluid hypovolemia. Clinical and imaging features and outcome. *Neurology* 2000;55:1321-27.

289. O'Carroll CP, Brant-Zawadzki M. The syndrome of spontaneous intracranial hypotension. *Cephalalgia* 1999;19:80-7.
290. Forsyth PA, Posner JB. Headaches in patients with brain tumors: A study of 111 patients. *Neurology* 1993;43:1678-83.
291. Ashina M, Bendtsen L, Jensen R, Olesen J. Nitric oxide-induced headache in patients with chronic tension-type headache. *Brain* 2000;123:1830-7.
292. Kruuse C, Jacobsen TB, Lassen LH. Dipyridamole dilates large cerebral arteries concomitant to headache induction in healthy subjects. *J Cereb Blood Flow Metab* 2000 Sep;20(9):1372-9.
293. Drexler ED. Severe headache: when to worry, what to do. *Postgrad Med* 1990;87:164-70,173-80.
294. Gómez-Aranda F, Cañadillas F, Martí-Massó JF, Díez-Tejedor E, Serrano PJ, Leira R, et al. Pseudomigraine with temporary neurological symptoms and lymphocytic pleocytosis. *Brain* 1997;120:1105-13.
295. Kennedy PG. Retrospective analysis of 46 cases of simplex encephalitis seen in Glasgow between 1962 and 1985. *QJM* 1988;68:533-40.
296. Kennedy PG, Adams IH, Graham DI, Clements GB. A clinico-pathological study of herpes simplex encephalitis. *Neuropathol Appl Neurobiol* 1998;14:395-415.
297. Aldrich MS, Chauncey JB. Are morning headaches part of obstructive sleep apnea syndrome? *Arch Intern Med* 1990;150:1265-7.
298. Loh NK, Dinner DS, Foldvary DO, Skobieranda F, Yew WW. Do patients with obstructive sleep apnea wake up with headaches? *Arch Intern Med* 1999;159:1765-8.

299. Lance JW, Hinterberger H. Symptom of pheochromocytoma with particular reference to headache, correlated with catecholamine production. *Arch Neurol* 1976;33:281-8.
300. Thomas JE, Rooke ED, Kvale WF. The neurologists experience with pheochromocytoma. *JAMA* 1966;197:754-8.
301. Dodick DW. Recurrent short-lasting headache associated with paroxysmal hypertension: a clonidine-responsive syndrome. *Cephalalgia* 2000;20:509-14.
302. Weiss NS. Relation of high blood pressure to headache, epistaxis, and selected other symptoms. The United States Health Examination Survey of Adults. *N Engl J Med* 1972;287:631-3.
303. Grace A, Horgan J, Breathnach K, Staunton H. Anginal headache and its basis. *Cephalalgia* 1997;17:195-6.
304. Bowen J, Oppenheimer G. Headache as a presentation of angina: reproduction of symptoms during angioplasty. *Headache* 1993;33:238-9.
305. Daroff RB. Ocular causes of headache. *Headache* 1998;38:661-7.
306. Lewis J, Fourman S. Subacute angle-closure glaucoma as a cause of headache in the presence of a white eye. *Headache* 1998;38:684-6.
307. Blumenthal HJ. Headache and sinus disease. *Headache* 2001;41:883-8.
308. Close LG, Aviv J. Headaches and disease of the nose and paranasal sinuses. *Semin Neurol* 1997;17:351-4.
309. Ciancaglini R, Radaelli G. The relationship between headache and symptoms of temporomandibular disorder in the general population. *J Dent* 2001;29(2):93-8.

310. Ogus H. Degenerative disease of the temporomandibular joint and pain-dysfunction syndrome. *J Roy Soc Med* 1978; 71:748-54.
311. Cala LA, Mastaglia FL. Computerized axial tomography findings in a group of patients with migrainous headaches. *Proc Aust Assoc Neurol* 1976;13:35-41.
312. Carrera GF, Gerson DE, Schnur J, McNeil BJ. Computed tomography of the brain in patients with headache or temporal lobe epilepsy: findings and cost-effectiveness. *J Comput Assist Tomogr* 1977;1(2):200-3.
313. Duarte J, Sempere AP, Delgado JA, Naranjo G, Sevillano MD, Claveria LE. Headache of recent onset in adults: a prospective population-based study. *Acta Neurol Scand* 1996;94(1):67-70.
314. Larson EB, Omenm GS, Lewis H. Diagnostic evaluation of headaches. Impact of computerized tomography and cost-effectiveness. *JAMA* 1980;243(4):359-62.
315. Mitchell CS, Osborn Re, Grosskreutz SR. Computed tomography in the headache patient: is routine evaluation really necessary? *Headache* 1993;33(2):82-6.
316. Kahn CE, Sanders GD, Lyons EA, Kostelic JK, MacEwan DW, Gordon WL. Computed tomography for nontraumatic headache: current utilization and cost-effectiveness. *Can Assoc Radiol J* 1993;44(3):189-93.
317. Igarashi H, Sakai F, Kan S, Okada J, Tazaki Y. Magnetic resonance imaging of the brain in patients with migraine. *Cephalgia* 1991;11(2):69-74.
318. Cuetter AC, Aita JF. CT scanning in classic migraine. *Headache* 1983;23(4):195.
319. Cull RE. Investigation of late-onset migraine. *Scott Med J* 1995;40:50-2.

320. De Benedittis G, Lorenzetti A, Sina C, Bernasconi V. Magnetic resonance imaging in migraine and tension-type headache. *Headache* 1995;35(5):264-9.
321. Hungerford GD, du Boulay GH, Zilkha KJ. Computerised axial tomography in patients with severe migraine: a preliminary report. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry* 1976;39(10):990-4.
322. Kuhn MJ, Shekar PC. A comparative study of magnetic resonance imaging and computed tomography in the evaluation of migraine. *Comput Med Imaging Graph* 1990;14(2):149-52.
323. Osborn RE, Alder DC, Mitchell CS. MR imaging of the brain in patients with migraine headaches. *Am J Neuroradiol* 1991;12(3):521-4.
324. Robbins L, Friedman H. MRI in migraineurs. *Headache* 1992;32(10):507.
325. Sargent JD, Lawson RC, Solbach P, Coyne L. Use of CT scans in an out-patient headache population: an evaluation. *Headache* 1979;19(7):388-90.
326. Frishberg, BM. The utility of neuroimaging in the evaluation of headache patients with normal neurological examinations. *Neurology* 1994;44:1191-7.
327. Demaerel P, Boelaert I, Wilms G, Baert AL. The role of cranial computed tomography in the diagnostic work-up of headache. *Headache* 1996;36(6):347-8.
328. Du Boulay GH, Anderson RE. Measuring the usefulness of plain skull X-rays in patients presenting with headache. *J Neuroradiol* 1983;10(2):107-12.
329. Wober BC, Wober C, Zeiler K. Tension headache and the cervical spine-plain X-ray findings. *Cephalalgia* 1992;12(3):152-4.

330. Kovaks K, Bors L, Tothfalusi L. Cerebrospinal investigations in migraine. *Cephalalgia* 1989;9:53-7.
331. Olesen J, Bousser MG, Diener HC et al, for the International Headache Society. The international classification of headache disorders, 2nd ed. *Cephalalgia* 2004;24(Suppl.1):1-160.
332. Limmroth V, Katsarava Z. Medication overuse headache. *Curr Opin Neurol* 2004;17:301-6.
333. Diener HC, Limmroth V. Medication-overuse headache: a worldwide problem. *Lancet* 2004;3:475-83.
334. Limmroth V, Katsarava Z, Fritsche G, Przywara S, Diener HC. Features of medication overuse headache following overuse of different acute headache drugs. *Neurology* 2002;59(7):1011-4.
335. Zwart JA, Dyb G, Hagen K, Svebak S, Holmen J. Analgesic abuse: a predictor of chronic pain and medication overuse headache: the Head-HUNT Study. *Neurology* 2003;61(2):160-4.
336. Castillo J, Munoz P, Guitera V, Pascual J. Epidemiology of chronic daily headache in a general population. *Headache* 1999;39(3):190-6.
337. Celentano DD, Stewart WF, Lipton RB, Reed ML. Celentano DD, Stewart WF, Lipton RB et al. Medication use and disability among migraineurs: a national probability sample survey. *Headache* 1992;32(5):223-8.
338. Dowson AJ. Analysis of the patients attending a specialist UK headache clinic over a 3-year period. *Headache* 2003;43:14-8.
339. Wang SJ, Fuh JL, Lu SR, Liu CY, Hsu LC, Wang PN, Liu HC. Chronic daily headache in Chinese elderly: prevalence, risk factors and biannual follow-up. *Neurology* 2000;54(2):314-9.

340. Lu SR, Fuh JL, Chen WT, Juang KD, Wang SJ. Chronic daily headache in Taipei, Taiwan: prevalence, follow up and outcome predictors. *Cephalalgia* 2001;21:980-6.
341. Hering-Hanit R, Cohen A, Horev Z. successful withdrawal from analgesic abuse in a group of youngsters with chronic daily headache. *J Child Neurol* 2001;16:448-9.
342. Symon DN. Twelve cases of analgesic headache. *Arch Dis Child* 1998;78:555-6.
343. Hering R, Steiner TJ. Abrupt outpatient withdrawal of medication in analgesic-abusing migraineurs. *Lancet* 1991;337:1442-3.
344. Dowson AJ, DodickDW, Limmroth V. Medication Overuse Headache in Patients with Primary Headach Disorders: Epidemiology, Management and Pathogenesis. *CNS Drugs* 2005;19(4):1-15.
345. Matthew NT. Amelioration of ergotamine withdrawal with naproxen. *Headache* 1987;27:130-3.
346. Matthew NT, Kurman R, Perez F. Drug induced refractory headache-clinical features and management. *Headache* 1990;30:634-8.
347. Krymchantowski AV, Barbosa JS. Prednisolone as initial treatment of analgesic-induced daily headache. *Cephalalgia* 2000;20:107-13.
348. Fritsche, Diener HC. Medication overuse Headaches – what is new? *Expert Opin Drug Saf* 2002;1(4):1-8.
349. Diener HC, Dahlöf CGH. Headache associated with chronic use of substances. Olesen J, Tfelt-Hansen P, Welch KMA, editors. *The headaches*, 2nd ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins; 1999. Pp871-8.
350. Katsarava Z, Fritsche G, Müessig M, et al. Clinical features of withdrawal headache following overuse of triptans and other headache drugs. *Neurology* 2001;57:1694-8.

351. Katsarava Z, Limmroth V, Finke M, et al. Rate and predictors for relapse in medication overuse headache: a one-year prospective study. *Neurology* 2003;60:1682-4.
352. Katsarava Z, Müssig M, Dzagniza A, et al. Rate and predictors for relapse in medication overuse headache: a four-year prospective study. *Cephalalgia* 2004;25:12-5.
353. Han, JS, Terenius, L. Neurochemical basis of acupuncture analgesia. *Annu Rev Pharmacol Toxicol* 1982;22:193.
354. Andersson S, Lundeberg T. Acupuncture--from empiricism to science: functional background to acupuncture effects in pain and disease. *Med Hypotheses* 1995 Sep;45(3):271-81.
355. Ulett GA, Han S, Han JS. Electroacupuncture: mechanisms and clinical application. *Biol Psychiatry* 1998 Jul 15;44(2):129-38.
356. Guowei L, Rongzhao L, Jingqiang X, Yuanshen W, Guorui H. Role of peripheral afferent nerve fiber in acupuncture analgesia elicited by needling point zusanli. *Sci Sin* 1979 Jun;22(6):680-92.
357. Melchart D, Linde K, Fischer P, Berman B, White A, Vickers A, et al. Acupuncture for idiopathic headache. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2001;(1):CD001218.
358. Vickers AJ, Rees RW, Zollman CE, McCarney R, Smith CM, Ellis N, et al. Acupuncture for chronic headache in primary care: large, pragmatic, randomised trial. *BMJ* 2004 27;328:744.
359. Wonderling D, Vickers AJ, Grieve R, McCarney R. Cost effectiveness analysis of a randomized trial of acupuncture for chronic headache in primary care. *BMJ* 2004;328(7442):747.
360. Linde K, Streng A, Jurgens S, Hoppe A, Brinkhaus B, Witt C, et al. Acupuncture for patients with migraine: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA* 2005 4;293:2118-25.

361. Diener HC, Kronfeld K, Boewing G, Lungenhausen M, Maier C, Molsberger A, et al. Migraine Study Group: Efficacy of acupuncture for the prophylaxis of migraine – a multicentre randomized controlled trial. *Lancet Neurol* 2006;5:310-6.
362. Melchart D, Streng A, Hoppe A, Brinkhaus B, Witt C, Wagenpfeil S, et al. Acupuncture in patients with tension-type headache: randomised controlled trial. *BMJ* 2005 13;331:376-82.
363. Ernst E, White A. Life-threatening adverse reactions after acupuncture? A systematic review. *Pain* 1997 Jun;71(2):123-6.
364. Ernst E, White AR. Prospective studies of the safety of acupuncture: a systematic review. *Am J Med* 2001 Apr 15;110(6):481-5.
365. Melchart D, Weidenhammer W, Streng A, Reitmayr S, Hoppe A, Ernst E, et al. Prospective investigation of adverse effects of acupuncture in 97 733 patients. *Arch Intern Med* 2004 Jan 12;164(1):104-5.
366. Macpherson H, Scullion A, Thomas KJ, Walters S. Patient reports of adverse events associated with acupuncture treatment: a prospective national survey. *Qual Saf Health Care* 2004 Oct;13(5):349-55.
367. Pop PH, Gierveld CM, Karis HA, Tiedink HG. Epidemiological aspects of headache in a workplace setting and the impact on the economic loss. *Eur J Neurol* 2002 Mar;9(2):171-4.
368. Goebel H, Buschman P, Heinze A, Heinze-Kuhn K. Epidemiology and socioeconomic consequences of migraine and headache diseases. *Versicherungsmedizin* 2000 52;19-23.
369. Hu XH, Markson LE, Lipton RB, Stewart WF, Berger ML. Burden of migraine in the United States: disability and

- economic costs. *Arch Intern Med* 1999 Apr 26;159(8):813-8.
370. Edmeads J, Mackell JA. The economic impact of migraine: an analysis of direct and indirect costs. *Headache* 2002 Jun;42(6):501-9.
371. Pesa J, Lage MJ. The medical costs of migraine and comorbid anxiety and depression. *Headache* 2004 Jun;44(6):562-70.
372. Akpek S, Arac M, Atilla S, Onal B, Yucel C, Isik S. Cost-effectiveness of computed tomography in the evaluation of patients with headache. *Headache* 1995 Apr;35(4):228-30.
373. Wonderling D, Vickers AJ, Grieve R, McCarney R. Cost effectiveness analysis of a randomised trial of acupuncture for chronic headache in primary care. *BMJ* 2004 Mar 27;328(7442):747. Epub 2004 Mar 15.
374. Diamond S, Bigal ME, Silberstein S, Loder E, Reed M, Lipton RB. Patterns of diagnosis and acute and preventive treatment for migraine in the United States: results from the American Migraine Prevalence and Prevention study. *Headache* 2007 Mar;47(3):355-63.

Self-assessment (MCQs)

After reading the Clinical Practice Guidelines, you can claim one CME point under Category III (Self-Study) of the SMC Online CME System. Before you login to claim the CME point, we encourage you to evaluate whether you have mastered the key points in the Guidelines by completing this set of MCQs. This is an extension of the learning process and is not intended to “judge” your knowledge and is not compulsory. The answers can be found at the end of the questionnaire.

Instruction: Choose “True” or “False.”

- | | True | False |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The following are characteristic of tension headaches: | | |
| A) Bilateral location | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B) A pressing/tightening (non-pulsating) quality | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C) Usually aggravated by routine physical activity such as walking or climbing stairs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D) Usually accompanied by photophobia and phonophobia | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Effective medications used in prophylactic treatment of tension headaches are: | | |
| A) Amitriptyline | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B) Mirtazapine | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C) Maprotiline | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D) Cafegot | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Drugs used for the treatment of migraine attacks are: | | |
| A) Propranolol | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B) Eletriptan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C) Naproxen | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D) Prochlorperazine | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Migraine prophylactic drugs used safely in pregnancy are: | | |
| A) Fluoxetine | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B) Valproate | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C) Magnesium | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D) Topiramate | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- | | True | False |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5. Regarding psychological and psychiatric aspects in the management of headaches. | | |
| A) Patients with migraines and tension headaches should be evaluated for psychiatric co-morbidities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B) Many carefully controlled trials have demonstrated the effectiveness of psychological interventions in the management of chronic headaches. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C) If hyperventilation accompanies tension headaches and migraines, the clinician should entertain the possibility of anxiety disorder. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D) Adjunctive psychological intervention should be considered in patients with difficult-to-manage headaches. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Regarding secondary headache: | | |
| A) It is associated with a known organic cause. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B) It does not have specific clinical features. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C) It is diagnosed by its close temporal relation to a disorder that is known to cause headache. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D) The headache usually improves within 3 month following successful treatment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Indication for referral to the hospital for further management of headache: | | |
| A) Headache associated with neurological deficits. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B) Sudden onset or maximum severity at onset. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C) New persistent or progressively worsening headaches. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D) Changed character in the normal established headache pattern. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

	True	False
8. Neuro-imaging		
A) should be performed on all patients complaining of headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B) should be avoided if it will not lead to a change in management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C) may be ordered if the treating physician feels that it is medically indicated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D) should be done if a tension-type headache is diagnosed and an abnormal neurological exam is obtained on testing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Useful investigations for headaches:		
A) Skull X-ray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B) EEG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C) CT scan before a lumbar puncture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D) MRI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Medication overuse headache:		
A) can develop if analgesic drug intake occurs for 15 or more days per month, for a minimum of 3 months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B) disappears after withdrawal of the drugs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C) can only be caused by NSAID, ergots and opioid medications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D) can be bilateral and dull.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. In medication-induced headache, withdrawal symptoms		
A) may last from 2 to 10 days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B) include recurrence of headache, nausea, tachycardia, sleep disturbance, restlessness and anxiety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C) can be reduced if prophylactic treatment of the primary headache commences as soon as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D) can be relieved by naproxen if it is ergotamine-induced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	True	False
12. Needle acupuncture		
A) can be used as a prophylactic treatment for migraine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B) can be used as a prophylactic treatment for tension-type headache.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C) always cause skin infection.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D) can be safely used in patients with bleeding tendency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

This page has been intentionally left blank

Answers

1 A) T
1 B) T
1 C) F
1 D) F } Pg 18

2 A) T
2 B) T
2 C) T
2 D) F } Pg 20

3 A) F
3 B) T
3 C) T
3 D) T } Pgs 23-24

4 A) T
4 B) F
4 C) T
4 D) F } Pg 28

5 A) T
5 B) F
5 C) T
5 D) T } Pgs 32,33

6 A) T
6 B) T
6 C) T
6 D) T } Pg 34

7 A) T
7 B) T
7 C) T
7 D) T } Pg 34

8 A) F
8 B) T
8 C) T
8 D) T } Pg 42

9 A) F
9 B) F
9 C) T
9 D) T } Pgs 43,44

10 A) T
10 B) T
10 C) F
10 D) T } Pg 45

11 A) T
11 B) T
11 C) T
11 D) T } Pg 47

12 A) T
12 B) T
12 C) F
12 D) F } Pg 51

Workgroup members

The members of the workgroup, who were appointed in their personal professional capacity, are:

Chairperson Dr Siow Hua Chiang, Charles
Consultant Neurologist
Siow Neurology, Headache and Pain Centre
Mount Alvernia Hospital
Mount Elizabeth Hospital

Members

Dr Ho King Hee
Consultant Neurologist
K H Ho Neurology & Medical
Clinic
Gleneagles Medical Centre

Dr Lim Shih Hui
Senior Consultant
Dept of Neurology
NNI (SGH Campus)

Dr Lee Sze Haur
Senior Consultant
Dept of Neurology
NNI (TTSH Campus)

Dr Chan Yee Cheun
Consultant
Division of Neurology
NUH

Dr Ng Beng Yeong
Consultant
Dept of Behavioural Medicine
SGH

Dr Tan Ngiap Chuan
Director
SingHealth Polyclinics-Pasir Ris

Subsidiary editors

Dr Pwee Keng Ho
Deputy Director (Health Technology Assessment)
Health Services Research & Evaluation Division
Ministry of Health

Dr Rajni Gupta
Assistant Manager (Health Technology Assessment)
Health Services Research & Evaluation Division
Ministry of Health

Acknowledgement



CLINICAL TRIALS
& EPIDEMIOLOGY
RESEARCH UNIT

Dr Edwin Chan Shih-Yen
Head of Evidence-Based Medicine
and
Director of the Singapore Branch, Australasian Cochrane Centre
Clinical Trials & Epidemiology Research Unit

Dr Miny Samuel
Senior Evidence-Based Medicine Analyst
and
Co-Director of the Singapore Branch, Australasian Cochrane Centre
Clinical Trials & Epidemiology Research Unit



ISBN 978-981-05-9432-9