Ī HEADACHES IN SCHOOL CHILDREN Jeffrey S Royce MD, FAAFP, FAHS

PREVALENCE OF HEADACHE IN CHILDREN

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Age 5-7 19%

@Age 7-15 57-82%

PRIMARY HEADACHE DISORDERS

Migraine without Aura

Migraine with Aura

Ocluster Headache

Tension-Type Headache

PREVALENCE OF MIGRAINE THROUGH CHILDHOOD MIGRAINE WITHOUT AURA

Formerly Common Migraine

•IHS criteria—Pain characteristics (at least 2 required

Unilateral pain or bilateral or frontotemporal (not occipital)

Throbbing/pulsating

■Moderate to severe in intensity

Worsened by physical activity

Headache Classification Committee IHS, Cephalalgia 2004

ASSOCIATED CHARATERISTICS One required:

■Photophobia and phonophobia (may be infered by behavior)

■Nausea or vomiting

Duration of 1-72 hours

ID MIGRAINE

■ Photophobia

Impairment

Nausea

•Yes to 2/3 of these sx's gives an 81% probability of migraine

•Presence of all 3 portends a 93% probability

SINUS SYMPTOMS **NECK PAIN COMMONLY OCCURS IN MIGRAINE ATTACKS**

•Migraine activation of the TNC can lead to cranial PSNS activation thus causing:

Rhinorrhea

■ Congestion

10 SINUS HEADACHE Lacrimation

NOT a primary headache disorder

Secondary diagnosis arising from <u>acute</u> bacterial sinusitis

Associated with the symptoms of:

Purulent nasal drainage

Facial pain

Congestion

Bilateral location

TENCHOLD IN PROPERTY

•Pressure, tightening character (nonpulsating)

Mild to moderate pain

May inhibit but not prohibit activity

TENSION TYPE HEADACHE

Not aggravated by routine physical activity

No nausea nor vomiting

Minimal light or sound sensitivity (not both)

Lasts 30 minutes to 7 days

TENSION TYPE HEADACHE

• Episodic type occurs less than 15 days per month

May be triggered by insomnia, stress, fatigue, fever, hunger, odors, an

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NOT caused by:

■Emotional stress

■Muscle tension

Muscle contracture

RED FLAGS-OMINOUS SIGNS

•First or worse headache—unusual severity

Sudden or rapid escalation within minutes

Mental status changes

Onset during exercise

Stiff neck

Onset after 50 y/o or less than 5 y/o

Abnormal neurological examination

RED FLAGS

Associated constitutional symptoms

■Fever

■Weight loss

■ Recent infection

Ochange in character or frequency of existing headache

Refractory to two different therapies

PEDIATRIC RED FLAGS

•Head trauma

Toxic exposure

•Presence of a shunt

Café au lait spots, petichiae, hypopigmentation

GOALS OF ACUTE HEADACHE THERAPY

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Relieve pain quickly and completely

Relieve associated symptoms

Reduce socioeconomic costs Return to normal functioning

Improve quality of life

Prevent recurrence

IVER 3 MONTHS) JAL/WORK/SCHOOL IMPACT

- @25.3% Missed one day of work/school
- @28.1% Work/school productivity <50%
- ■Average of 3 days lost work day equivalents
- @29.1% Missed family/social activity @47.7% Did no housework

Lipton RB, Neurology 2007

ANALGESIC USE LIMIT

(PALM BEACH HEADACHE CENTER)

- •No more than 10 tablets of analgesic per month for a young child
- No more than 20 tablets per month for an adolescent
- •No more than 2 headaches treated with these parameters per week

•Headache in Children and Adolescents 2nd Ed., Winner et al. 2008

ORAL NSAIDS (ADULT) **GROUP 2 US HEADACHE CONSORTIUM 2000**

- Fenoprofen (Nalfon) 600 mg TID prn
- ■Flurbiprofen (Ansaid) 100 mg BID prn
- ■Ketoprofen (Orudis) 75 mg TID prn
- Mefenamic acid (Ponstel) 250 mg QID prn
- ■Naproxen 500 mg BID
- ■Naproxen Sodium 550 mg BI
- Diclofenac 50 mg oral suspension (Cambia)

THE TRIPTANS (ADULT)

- Sumatriptan –Imitrex
- Naratriptan—Amerge
- @Zomatriptan—Zomig

- OAlmotriptan—Axert
- @Frovatriptan—Frova
- ©Eletriptan--Relpax

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SIDE EFFECTS

- Tingling
- Ochest heaviness Warmth
- ODizziness
- Flushing

Neck and throat tightening Somnolence

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Fatigue

Ony mouth Nausea

MEDICATION OVERUSE HEADACHE

- Diffuse bilateral daily headache
- Aggravated by mild exertion
- Onset with awakening or in the early morning
- Tolerance to acute abortive medications

No response to preventive therapy

HEADACHE TRIGGERS

OTHER THERAPIES

Biofeedback

- Cognitive behavior therapy
- Meditation & relaxation
- Visualization
- Exercise
- Therapeutic blocks
- •Massage
- Acupuncture