

New Patient Headache Questionnaire

Name: _____ Primary Care Provider _____

Please describe your headaches:

1. **When did your headaches start?** # ___ days ago, # ___ weeks ago, # ___ months ago, # ___ years ago
2. **Did your headache start after a head injury?** No Yes → if yes, describe injury _____
3. **Did your headache start after an infection?** No Yes → if yes, what infection? _____
4. **Did your headache begin when you started or changed a medication?** No Yes → if yes, which medication?

5. **Do you smell things others don't smell?** No Yes
6. **Have you ever had any significant head trauma?** No Yes
7. **Do you have a history of concussions?** No Yes
8. **Do you ever have Deja'Vu?** No Yes
9. **Do you ever have Jama'Vu?** No Yes
10. **Do you have periods where you lose track of time?** No Yes
11. **Do you have episodes of anxiety for no reason?** No Yes
12. **Do you have vivid dreams?** No Yes
13. **Do you have sleep paralysis?** No Yes
14. **Do you have uncontrollable body movements?** No Yes
15. **How many days** in a month do you **have a headache?** _____ **How many headache-free days** do you have in a month? _____
16. **How severe are your headaches?** (from 0 to 10=most severe pain possible): On average # ___ Most severe # ___
17. **Do you have more than one type of headache?** Yes No If yes, focus the following questions on your worst disability headache type.
18. **Where are your headaches located in general?** (check all that apply)
 - Temple -- R L
 - Front of head
 - Ear-- R L
 - Back of head -- R L
 - Around head
 - Neck
 - Top of head -- R L
 - Eye -- R L
 - Jaw
 - Other _____

19. **Your headaches usually feel like:** (check all that apply)

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|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Throbbing/Pulsing | <input type="radio"/> Dull | <input type="radio"/> Shooting |
| <input type="radio"/> Achy | <input type="radio"/> Stabbing | <input type="radio"/> Burning |
| <input type="radio"/> Tight | <input type="radio"/> Pressure | <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |

20. **How long do your headaches last in HOURS?** Shortest____Longest____Average____or are they constant? Yes No

21. **Your headaches are worse** in the morning afternoon evening during the night no pattern

22. **Are your headaches worse lying down or standing?** _____

23. **Do your headaches wake you up in the middle of the night?** Yes No; if yes, how often? _____

24. **Premonitory symptoms** (you experience one or more of these symptoms 1 to 2 days before onset of headache)

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|--|--|---|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Hyperactive | <input type="radio"/> Difficulty with speech | <input type="radio"/> Food cravings | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Depressed feeling | <input type="radio"/> Sensitive to light | <input type="radio"/> Increased appetite | |
| <input type="radio"/> Irritability | <input type="radio"/> Sensitive to sound/noise | <input type="radio"/> Decreased appetite | |
| <input type="radio"/> Feeling sluggish | <input type="radio"/> Dizziness | <input type="radio"/> Increased urination | |
| <input type="radio"/> Difficulty concentrating | <input type="radio"/> Excessive yawning | <input type="radio"/> Stiff neck | |

25. Do you have other symptoms during your headache? (mark all that apply)

- Nausea or upset stomach/vomiting
- Sensitivity to light (prefer a dark room)
- Sensitivity to sound (prefer a quiet room)
- Sore/stiff neck
- Vision changes (blurred, spots, patterns)
- Eye tearing in only ONE EYE
- Runny nose in only ONE NOSTRIL
- Ringing in ears
- Eye-redness [Right Left Both]
- Drooping eyelid [R L Both]
- Swelling of eyelid [R L Both]
- Change in pupil [Larger Smaller]
- Dizziness/vertigo
- Imbalance
- Confusion
- Stroke like symptoms (facial droop, droopy eye lid, unable to move one arm or leg)
- Sensitivity to smells
- Difficulty thinking/concentrating/focus
- Difficulty speaking/slurred speech
- Increased Urination
- Anxiety
- Irritability
- Memory problems
- Increased appetite
- Decreased appetite
- Diarrhea
- Constipation
- Insomnia
- Sleepiness
- Numbness/Tingling [R L Both] where? _____
- Other

26. Aura: (Do you have these symptoms before your headache begins?)_

Visual

- Flashing lights
- Zigzag lines
- Wavy lines
- Loss of vision in one eye
- Loss of vision on one side
- Total blindness
- Tunnel vision
- Double vision
- Distorted vision
- Spots: bright/dark
- Geometric forms
- Other: _____

Sensory and other:

- Numbness/tingling [R L Both]
- Speech difficulty
- Vertigo
- Dizziness/unsteadiness
- Light headedness
- One-sided weakness [R L Both]
- Confusion/déjà vu/hallucinations
- Other: _____

If you have any of these symptoms above, they usually last: _____ minutes and terminate _____ minutes before pain starts
OR occur during the head pain after the head pain without the head pain

27. **Provoking Factors** (Triggers = things that bring on a headache)

Food/beverage: Fasting/skipping meals Chocolate Caffeine Nitrates MSG Aged cheese

Alcohol beverages: Wine: [Red White] Other: _____

Physical exertion: Coughing Talking Chewing Exercise Sexual intercourse

Hormonal: Menses Before During After; Pregnancy Menopause

Stress: Work Home Family Spouse Other: _____

Environmental: Allergies Weather changes Altitude Sunlight Other: _____

Sleep: Lack of sleep Too much sleep Change in wake/sleep

Other Triggers: _____

28. **Activity that worsens headache:**

- None
 Walking
 Climbing steps
 Exercise
 Other

29. **Relieving Factors:**

- Lying down
 Dark quiet room
 Hot compress
 Massage
 Standing
 Ice/Cold compress
 Keeping active/pacing
 Pregnancy
 Other:

30. Which **Acute medications** have you tried (medications taken to stop a headache)?

Acute (as needed) medication	On average, how many days per week?	Did it help? YES/NO	Currently taking? YES/NO
Acetaminophen (Tylenol)			
Aleve (Naprosyn, Naproxen)			
Almotriptan (Axert)			
Aspirin			
Baclofen (Lioresal)			
Celecoxib (Celebrex)			
Cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)			
Diclofenac (Cambia)			
Dihydroergotamine (Migranal, DHE)			
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)			
Eletriptan (Relpax)			
Excedrin			
Fioricet, Fiorinal			
Frovatriptan (Frova)			
Ibuprofen (Advil/Motrin)			
Indomethacin (Indocin)			
Ketorolac (Toradol)			
Lidocaine nasal spray			
Metaxalone (Skelaxin)			
Metoclopramide (Reglan)			
Midrin (Duradrin, Epidrin)			
Naratriptan (Amerge)			
Ondansetron (Zofran)			
Prochlorperazine (Compazine)			
Promethazine (Phenergan)			
Rizatriptan (Maxalt)			
Sumatriptan (Imitrex)			
Tizanidine (Zanaflex)			
Tramadol (Ultram)			
Vicodin, Codeine, Demerol, Percocet			
Zolmitriptan (Zomig)			
Other:			

31. **Preventive medications** (taken daily to prevent headaches)

Preventive (daily) medication	Approximate Dose/day	How long did you take it? Weeks/Months/Years	If stopped, why? No benefit/Side effects/Other
Amitriptyline (Elavil)			
Candesartan (Atacand)			
Gabapentin (Neurontin)			
Lamotrigine (Lamictal)			
Lisinopril (Zestril)			
Metoprolol (Lopressor)			
Methylergonovine (Methergine)			
Nortriptyline (Pamelor)			
Pregabalin (Lyrica)			
Propranolol (Inderal)			
Topiramate (Topamax)			
Valproic Acid (Depakote)			
Venlafaxine (Effexor)			
Verapamil (Calan SR)			
Zonisamide (Zonegran)			
Other:			

32. **Have you needed to go to the hospital or emergency room (ED) for headaches?** Yes No

If yes, how many times in the last 6 months? _____

33. **Have you been treated in the infusion clinic for your headaches?** Yes No

If yes, how many times in the last 6 months? _____

What did you receive in the ED or Infusion clinic?	Did it help? YES/NO	If headache returned, how long after treatment?
IV cocktail		
DHE (dihydroergotamine)		
Pain medication (narcotics)		
Steroid		
Other:		

34. **Behavioral and Alternative treatments used**

Supplements	Did it help?	How long did you take it? (Ws/Ms/Ys)	Behavioral/Physical therapy	Did it help?	How long did you take it? (Ws/Ms/Ys)
Multivitamin/multi mineral			Psychologist, therapist		
Riboflavin (vitamin B2)			Physical therapy		
Magnesium			Massage		
Co-enzyme Q10			Chiropractic therapy		
Melatonin			Acupressure/puncture		
Petasides (Butterbur)			Biofeedback		
Iron			Yoga		
Feverfew			Other:		

35. **Procedures used** (check all that apply):

Occipital nerve blocks: R L Supra-orbital/Supra-trochlear nerve block: R L
 Auriculotemporal nerve blocks: R L Head/Neck injections under X-ray guidance: Yes No
 Botox injections: # ____ Last ____ months ago Other procedures _____

36. **Do you have any health issues involving?**

Other medical problems	Yes	No	If yes, describe		Yes	No	If yes, describe
Change in height or weight				Endocrine or reproductive			
Skin, including herpes, shingles				Blood or immune system			
Eyes (vision)				Muscles or bones			
Ears, nose, throat				Neurologic (seizures, other)			
Mouth (dental/orthodontic)				Depression			
Heart (palpitations, murmurs)				Anxiety			
Lungs (breathing issues/asthma)				ADHD			
Stomach (bowel movements)				Substance abuse			
Urination				Other:			

37. **Core Health Questions**

Exercise

How often do you exercise? _____ days per week
 How long do you typically exercise? _____ minutes
 What do you do for exercise? _____

Relaxation

How do you relax? _____
 Do you wish you had more time to relax? Yes No
 Have you had any training in relaxation techniques? Yes No

Sleep

On shorter nights, how long does it take you to fall asleep? _____ minutes
 How many hours do you sleep a night? _____ hours
 Do you have any problems falling asleep? Yes No
 Do you have any problems staying asleep? Yes No
 Do you snore? Yes No Have you ever been told you have sleep apnea? Yes No
 Do you grind your teeth? Yes No

Diet

How is your appetite? excellent good okay not good awful
 Do you skip meals often? Yes No
 How many 8oz glasses of water, juice, or milk do you drink per day? _____ glasses per day
 Do you drink caffeinated beverages (soda, coffee, or tea)? Yes No; if yes how much _____ servings per week

38. **Testing**

Have you had brain and/or cervical spine MRI or CT? Yes No If yes, please make images/report available to your provider for appointment
 Have you had lumbar puncture (spinal tap)? Yes No If yes, please make report available to your provider for appointment