

The first adequate description of [trigeminal neuralgia](#) was given in [1671](#), followed by a fuller description by physician John Locke in [1677](#). André described the convulsive-like condition in [1756](#), and named it tic douloureux; in [1773](#), Fothergill described it as “a painful affection of the face;” and in [1779](#), John Hunter more clearly characterized the entity as a form of “nervous disorder” with reference to pain of the teeth, gums, or tongue where the disease “does not reside.” One hundred fifty years later, the neurological surgeon Walter Dandy equated neurovascular compression of the trigeminal nerve with trigeminal neuralgia. ^{1) 2)}

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