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Pain Characteristics

In **secondary trigeminal neuralgia**, the pain is often:

- Constant or background pain (burning, aching)
- Superimposed paroxysms (sharp, electric shocks) may still occur
- Less responsive to typical medications (e.g., carbamazepine) than classical TN

This **constant component** is a red flag suggesting a structural or secondary cause (e.g., tumor, MS plaque, AVM).

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