

Idiopathic trigeminal neuralgia

[Trigeminal neuralgia](#) with no apparent structural cause.

Classic [trigeminal neuralgia](#) (TN) involves sharp, shooting pain in any [trigeminal nerve](#) distribution, whereas atypical TN presents with constant aching, numbness or burning that can appear with classic features, leading to a mixed presentation.

[Trigeminal neuralgia pathogenesis](#) is uncertain. What is nominated as typically TN is [idiopathic](#), but may be due to a structural lesion.

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