

Occipital neurectomy

The [occipital nerve](#) usually pierces the cervical muscles ≈ 2.5 cm lateral to the midline, just below the [inion](#). Palpation or Doppler localization of the pulse of the accompanying greater [occipital artery](#) sometimes helps to locate the nerve. However, relief only occurs in $\approx 50\%$, and recurrence, usually within a year, is common.

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