

Trigeminal neuralgia definition

Trigeminal neuralgia (TN), a [neuropathic pain syndrome](#), is defined by the [International Association for the Study of Pain](#) as “a sudden and usually unilateral severe brief stabbing recurrent [pain](#) in the distribution of one or more branches of the [trigeminal nerve](#) ¹⁾”.

Also known as prosopalgia, or Fothergill's disease.

The clinical association between TN and [hemifacial spasm](#) is the so-called [tic douloureux](#).

It has been described as among the most painful conditions known to mankind.

Trigeminal neuralgia and deafferentation neuropathic pain, or [trigeminal neuropathy](#), are different symptomatologies, rarely reported to present together.

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Garg RK, Malhotra HS, Verma R. Trigeminal neuralgia. J Indian Med Assoc. 2011;109:631-636.

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