GET RELIEF FROM Trigeminal neuralgia (TN) says Dr.Prabhu Thilak:

Trigeminal neuralgia (TN), also called tic douloureux, is a chronic pain condition that causes extreme, sporadic, sudden burning or shock-like face pain. The pain seldom lasts more than a few seconds or a minute or two per episode. The intensity of pain can be physically and mentally incapacitating. TN pain is typically felt on one side of the jaw or cheek. Episodes can last for days, weeks, or months at a time and then disappear for months or years. In the days before an episode begins, some patients may experience a tingling or numbing sensation or a somewhat constant and aching pain. The attacks often worsen over time, with fewer and shorter pain-free periods before they recur. The intense flashes of pain can be triggered by vibration or contact with the cheek (such as when shaving, washing the face, or applying makeup), brushing teeth, eating, drinking, talking, or being exposed to the wind. TN occurs most often in people over age 50, but it can occur at any age, and is more common in women than in men. There is some evidence that the disorder runs in families, perhaps because of an inherited pattern of blood vessel formation. Although sometimes debilitating, the disorder is not life-threatening.

Dr.Prabhu Thilak’s clinic The Pain Relief Zone is a boon for a patients suffering from TN

Dr.Prabhu Thilak treats patients who suffer from Trigeminal neuralgia (TN).

A word from Doctor Prabhu Thilak:

Off late Trigeminal neuralgia (TN) a condition often described as ‘the most terrible pain known to man’. is becoming a know name in the Medical field. To refer a recent case of actor Salman Khan. It was recently revealed that Salman Khan Salman Khan the well known actor of Indian Cinema was diagnosed & treated for this neurological condition that causes excessive pain.

TN results from a neuropathic disorder of the Vth cranial nerve (trigeminal nerve). The trigeminal nerve senses mixed modalities including:

Sensation.
Nociception.
Thermoception.
Motor supply to the muscles of mastication.

Most commonly, the maxillary and/or mandibular branches are involved.
Patients should be referred to a pain relief specialist immediately.

Epidemiology

Most commonly, episodes occur after the age of 40.

There is annual incidence of about 27 cases per 100,000.

It is more common in females.

There may also be a genetic predisposition, as there have been observations of familial clustering. However, the exact method of transmission is unclear, although there is a lack of penetrance.

2-4% of patients will actually have multiple sclerosis (MS).

Treatment:

1) Medical line of treatments are available but most patients who come to me are chronic patients and suffer from this for long.

2) Injection like phenol or absolute alcohol will numb the nerve and will give relief.

3) Radiofrequency ablation of the nerve can also be done.

What treatment to whom depends on the condition of the patient.

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