A patient's perspective: Best practice for shared decision making in the prevention and treatment of migraine



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Understanding migraine-related disability

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• The burden of migraine

Global prevalence¹

Diagnosis





Average delay:^{2,3} 8–12 years

% of patients given correct diagnosis of migraine:⁴

By general practitioners: 28%





Treatment





*51% were neurologists and/or headache specialists; †Large percentage range for acute and preventative treatment due to country variation of medication utilization and differences in study populations and designs.

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Clinical trial outcomes and endpoints used

Acute migraine treatment¹

Pain related:

- Pain relief
- Pain freedom
- Rescue medication use
- Headache recurrence
- Pain general
- Meaningful relief

Associated symptoms:

- Nausea, vomiting, photophobia, phonophobia, etc.
- Most bothersome symptom
- Disability/impairment

PROMs:

- Non-headache-related PROMs*
- Headache-related PROMs⁺

Preventive migraine treatment²

Migraine focused:

- Attacks
- Headache/migraine days
- Pain intensity/severity
- Duration, e.g. average length of attack
- Hours, e.g. total headache hours per 4-week period
- Acute or rescue medication use (days/number of doses)

PROMs:

- Non-headache-related PROMs, e.g.
 PGIC, SF-36, BDI, treatment satisfaction, treatment efficacy
- Headache-related PROMs, e.g. MIDAS, MSQ, HIT-6, disability/impairment

*For example, treatment satisfaction, treatment efficacy, and treatment preference; †For example, the 24-hour Migraine-Specific Quality of Life Questionnaire and the Patient Perception of Migraine Questionnaire-Revised.

BDI, Beck Depression Inventory; HIT-6, 6-item Headache Impact Test short form; MIDAS, Migraine Disability Assessment; MSQ, Migraine-specific Quality of Life; PGIC, Patient Global Impression of Change; PROM, patient-reported outcome measure; SF-36, Short Form 36 Health Survey Questionnaire. 1. Houts CR, et al. *Headache*. 2021;61:263–75; 2. McGinley JS, et al. *Headache*. 2021;61:253–62.



Practical advice on developing a shared decision-making approach

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Episodic migraine: Acute treatments



Adjunct: Neuromodulatory devices, biobehavioural therapy and acupuncture; for nausea and/or vomiting during attacks, prokinetic antiemetics, e.g. domperidone and metoclopramide¹

Avoid: Oral ergot alkaloids, opioids and barbiturates^{1,2}

*Strongest evidence supports acetylsalicylic acid, ibuprofen, and diclofenac potassium; †Paracetamol is less efficacious and should be used only in those who are intolerant of NSAIDs; [‡]If one triptan is ineffective, others might still provide relief. Combining triptans with fast-acting NSAIDs can be considered to avert recurrent relapse. NSAID, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

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Episodic migraine: Preventive treatments

1st line

- Beta blockers without intrinsic sympathomimetic activity^{1,2}
- **Topiramate**^{1,2}
- Candesartan^{1,2}
- CGRP mAbs e.g. eptinezumab, erenumab, fremanezumab, galcanezumab^{3*}



Adjunct: Neuromodulatory devices, biobehavioural therapy and acupuncture¹

*In those with inadequate response to one monoclonal antibody targeting the CGRP pathway, there is insufficient evidence on the potential benefits of antibody switch but switching may be an option; †Contraindicated in women of childbearing potential.

CGRP, calcitonin gene-related peptide; mAb, monoclonal antibody.

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Patient involvement in migraine management

Patient treatment decisions

Patient education

Patient activation⁺



*In regards to medical decision making for the prescription of triptans; †Activated patients have the motivation, knowledge, skills, and confidence to make effective decisions to manage their health.

HCP, healthcare professional; MIDAS, Migraine Disability Assessment; PAM, Patient Activation Measure.

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