## Lifestyle Changes

Lifestyle changes are one of the first interventions recommended to help manage migraine. SEEDS is an acronym to help you remember what to work on.

Keep to a consistent sleep routine S - Sleep

E - Eat Eat regular meals and stay hydrated

E - Exercise Exercise 3-5 times per week

D - Diary Keep a headache diarv

S - Stress Reduce stress



Some people living with migraine will report "triggers" that provoke a migraine attack such as wine, chocolate, changes in barometric pressure. menstruation, etc.

## LEARN ABOUT MIGRAINE TRIGGERS & LIFESTYLE CHANGES



## **Migraine Diary**

A written or electronic migraine diary can be helpful for tracking important details about your attacks.

Important information to track in your diary:

- Days a headache occurs
- Other symptoms (nausea, light sensitivity, etc.)
- Treatments used and effectiveness
- Noticeable triggers (ex. menstruation)

DOWNLOAD A MIGRAINE DIARY



## What is Migraine?

Migraine is a complex neurological disease that causes the entire nervous system to be more sensitive to stimuli. Headache is only one symptom of migraine. The severity and associated symptoms vary from person to person and throughout one's lifetime.

## Migraine Symptoms



#### Neurological Head pain

Mood changes Yawnina Brain fog Fatique Speech impairment

Ear pain or pressure

Wet or foreign body

sensation

Noise sensitivity

Difficulty hearing

**Tinnitus** 



#### Face and Neck

Sinus pressure/pain Nasal congestion Runny nose Tooth pain Neck pain/stiffness Facial/jaw pain



#### Sensorv

Light sensitivity Smell sensitivity **Numbness** Tingling



Touch sensitivity Visual disturbances



#### **Gastrointestinal**

Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea Constipation Reflux

#### Balance

Dizziness Loss of balance Motion intolerance Vertigo/spinning



Learn about migraine symptoms, acute and preventive treatments, lifestyle changes and more!

## LEARN ABOUT **MIGRAINE TYPES**



Disclaimer: You should always speak with your healthcare provider before taking any medication or nutritional, herbal or homeopathic supplement, or adopting any treatment for a health problem. The information provided in this brochure does not constitute professional medical advice.



### **About Acute Treatments**

- The goals of an acute or "on demand" treatment are to achieve fast freedom from pain and associated symptoms, return to normal daily activities and limit disease progression.
- Acute treatments should be used as soon as symptoms occur for best results.
- If you are using acute medications more than 2 times per week it is recommended to talk to your provider about starting preventive treatment.

## **Types of Acute Treatments**

These treatments are used at the onset of symptoms.

#### NON-PRESCRIPTION OPTIONS

Natural Products: caffeineb, ginger\*, topical magnesium\*b

Neuromodulation: Cefaly®

**Pain relievers:** acetaminophen\*b, aspirin\* ibuprofen\*b, naproxen\*, combination medications (acetaminophen, aspirin and caffeine or aspirin and caffeine). **NSAIDS are recommended only in the second trimester of pregnancy.** 

#### PRESCRIPTION OPTIONS

**Anti-nausea:** chlorpromazine, domperidone, metoclopramide\*b, ondansetron, promethazine\*

Ergot alkaloids: dihydroergotamine, ergotamine

Nerve Blocks\*b (office procedure)

**Opioids and barbiturates** (not recommended): butalbital, oxycodone, morphine

Pain relievers: celecoxib\*, ketorolac\*

**Triptans:** almotriptan, eletriptan<sup>b</sup>, frovatriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan, sumatriptan<sup>b</sup>, zolmitriptan

## PRESCRIPTION OPTIONS WITH COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS

Ditans: lasmiditan

Gepants: rimegepantb, ubrogepant, zavegepant

Neuromodulation: gammaCore™, Nerivio®, Relivion®,

SAVI Dual™

## **About Migraine Prevention**

- The goals of prevention are to reduce attack frequency, severity, duration and disability as well as improve responsiveness to acute treatments.
- A preventive treatment is considered a success when it reduces the frequency of headaches by 50%.
- You may need to try more than one type of preventive treatment or use multiple treatments at the same time.
- It is important to continue to use preventive treatments even when you are not having symptoms.
- Many insurance companies require a person to trial multiple medications without success prior to covering the "newer medications" (Anti-CGRP monoclonal antibodies, onabotulinumtoxinA, or gepants).
- Treatments should be trialed for at least 8-12 weeks at a therapeutic dose to determine if they are effective.
   Anti-CGRP monoclonal antibodies may be reevaluated within 3-6 months.
- Talk to your provider if you plan to become pregnant within the next 6-12 months. Certain treatments may not be safe during pregnancy.



# LEARN MORE ABOUT MIGRAINE TREATMENTS



\*May be used during pregnancy.

BMay be used during breastfeeding.

## **Preventive Treatments**

These treatments are used routinely to reduce the frequency and severity of migraine attacks.

#### NON-PRESCRIPTION OPTIONS

#### **Supplements**

- Must be taken in higher doses than found in multivitamins and foods
- May want to break up the dose into two or more times a day (discuss with provider)
- Combination formulations are available

**Magnesium\***: 400 mg (200-1200 mg) daily total Magnesium glycinate or L-threonate are preferred. May cause loose stools.

**Riboflavin (vitamin B2)\*:** 400 mg (100-400 mg) daily total. Will harmlessly turn urine bright yellow.

Coenzyme Q10: 300 mg (100-300 mg) daily total

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy\*b, Biofeedback\*b, Mindfulness\*b

**Neuromodulation:** Cefaly®

#### PRESCRIPTION OPTIONS

**Antidepressants:** amitriptyline\*b, nortriptyline\*b, venlafaxine\*b

**Anti-Seizure medications:** divalproex sodium, topiramate<sup>b</sup>, valproic acid, levetiracetam

**High Blood Pressure Medications:** atenolol, candesartan, labetolol\*, lisinopril, metoprolol\*, nadolol, propranolol\*b, timololb, verapamil\*b

**Supplemental Hormones:** continuous low-dose combination of estradiol and progestin or progestin alone; hormone replacement therapy

Nerve Blocks\*b (office procedure)

Others: cyproheptadine\*, memantine

PRESCRIPTION OPTIONS WITH COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS

**Anti-CGRP Monoclonal Antibodies:** eptinezumab, erenumab, fremanezumab, galcanezumab

**Botulinum toxin** 

**Gepants:** atogepant, rimegepant<sup>b</sup>

**Neuromodulation:** gammaCore<sup>™</sup>, Nerivio®, SAVI Dual<sup>™</sup>