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# Development and Process of Occupational Trigeminal Neuragia

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**Annotation:** Trigeminal neuralgia (TN) is a chronic pain disorder characterized by sudden, severe facial pain, often caused by irritation or compression of the trigeminal nerve. Although the condition primarily affects quality of life, its impact on occupational functioning is significant. This article examines the occupational characteristics of TN, focusing on how specific types of work, work-related stressors, and repetitive facial movements may influence the onset and exacerbation of TN symptoms. By reviewing the available literature and empirical studies, the article examines the prevalence of TN in various occupations, including those involving high physical and mental demands. It also discusses preventive measures and workplace adaptations, such as ergonomic interventions and stress management techniques, to improve employee well-being and productivity for those affected by TN.

**Keywords:** Trigeminal neuralgia, occupational characteristics, chronic facial pain, work stress, repetitive movements, ergonomics, workplace positioning, pain management, employee health, occupational health.

## Introduction

Trigeminal neuralgia (TN), also known as tic douloureux, is a chronic pain disorder characterized by sudden, severe, and recurrent facial pain, usually affecting the trigeminal nerve. The incidence of TN is 5.5 per 100,000 person-years, with a higher prevalence in women and an

increase in incidence with age.

The pathophysiology of TN involves dysfunctional hyperactivity of the trigeminal nerve, often caused by arterial or venous compression near the nerve root entry zone into the brainstem. Risk factors include hypertension, arteriosclerotic vascular changes, aging, individual susceptibility, family history, and race.

Occupational factors have been identified that potentially contribute to the onset and exacerbation of TN symptoms. High-stress environments, prolonged exposure to vibrations, and tasks that require repetitive facial movements may increase the risk of developing TN. For example, occupations such as dental hygienists, hairdressers, and musicians are associated with a higher incidence of TN, possibly due to the constant contraction of facial muscles and compression of the nerve.

In addition, systemic conditions common in certain occupations, such as hypertension and multiple sclerosis, are associated with an increased risk of TN. Hypertension, in particular, has been identified as a significant risk factor for TN, with studies indicating a higher prevalence among individuals with elevated blood pressure. This article aims to examine the relationship between occupational characteristics and the prevalence and severity of trigeminal neuralgia. By examining different occupations and their associated risk factors, we aim to identify potential preventive measures and management strategies to mitigate the impact of TN on affected individuals.

## Literature review

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## Methodology

A comprehensive approach is used to study the occupational characteristics of trigeminal neuralgia:

1. Study Design: A cross-sectional observational study was conducted to assess the prevalence and severity of TN among individuals in different occupational settings.

2. Population: The study targeted adults aged 30 to 60 years working in occupations with varying levels of physical and mental stress. Participants were recruited from a wide range of sectors, including healthcare, manufacturing, education, and the arts.

3. Data Collection: Participants completed a detailed questionnaire assessing demographic information, occupational history, and the presence of TN symptoms. The questionnaire included

standardized scales to assess pain severity, frequency, and impact on daily activities.

4. Diagnostic Evaluation: Participants who reported facial pain underwent clinical evaluation by neurologists specializing in facial pain disorders. Diagnostic imaging, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), was used to exclude secondary causes of TN.

5. Statistical analysis: Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics to determine the prevalence of TN in each occupational group.

**Results**

The study aimed to determine the association between occupational characteristics and the prevalence and severity of trigeminal neuralgia (TN). A total of 1,200 participants aged 30 to 60 years were recruited from a variety of occupational sectors, including healthcare, manufacturing, education, and the arts.

Among participants, 5% (n = 60) reported experiencing facial pain consistent with TN. The prevalence varied by occupational group: 3% in healthcare, 7% in manufacturing, 6% in education, and 8% in the arts. This variation suggests a potential association between certain occupational characteristics and the incidence of TN.

Among those with TN, 60% reported moderate to severe interference with daily activities, including work-related tasks. The arts sector reported the highest levels of occupational impairment, with 70% of affected individuals experiencing severe impairment at work.

**Conclusion and recommendations**

Our study found significant associations between certain occupational characteristics and the prevalence of TN. Specifically, people working in high-stress environments had a 2.5-fold increased risk of developing TN compared with those working in low-stress environments ($p < 0.01$). Engaging in tasks requiring repetitive facial movements was associated with a 1.8-fold increased risk of TN ($p < 0.05$). These findings are consistent with existing literature suggesting that stress and repetitive facial movements can trigger neuralgia.

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The findings suggest a significant association between certain occupational characteristics – particularly high-stress environments and tasks involving repetitive facial movements and the prevalence of trigeminal neuralgia. These results highlight the importance of considering occupational factors in the management and prevention of TN. Further longitudinal studies are warranted to clarify causality and develop targeted interventions to reduce the incidence of TN in high-risk occupational groups.

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