

Orofacial pain

Overview of Orofacial pain

Orofacial pain disorders may have pain and associated symptoms arising from a discrete cause, such as postoperative pain or pain associated with a malignancy, or may be syndromes in which pain constitutes the primary problem, such as TMJ disorder pain, neuropathic pains or headaches.

Causes of Orofacial Disorders and Pain

Orofacial pain may be due to dental or non-dental reasons. There are various non-dental causes of oral and facial pain including:

1. Temporomandibular Joint disorders
2. Masticatory musculoskeletal pain
3. Cervical musculoskeletal pain
4. Neurovascular pain
5. Neuropathic pain
6. Sleep disorders related to orofacial pain
7. Orofacial Dystonias
8. Headaches
9. Intraoral, intracranial, extracranial, and systemic disorders that cause orofacial pain
10. Side effect to medical treatment (like chemotherapy)

Diagnosis of Orofacial pain

The diagnosis of painful syndromes relies on interpretation of historical data; review of laboratory studies, imaging, behavioral, social, and occupational assessment; interview and examination by the physician or dentist.

Treatment of Orofacial Pain

These disorders are treated with a multidisciplinary approach. Your doctor may treat pain by prescribing medication, prescribing rehabilitative services, performing pain relieving procedures, counseling of patients and families, coordination of care with other healthcare providers and consultative services to public and private agencies pursuant to optimal healthcare delivery to the patient suffering from a painful disorder.

Dr. Singh's training in orofacial pain, headache (neurology), and interventional pain allows us at Mind and Body Pain Clinic to diagnose and treat various orofacial pain conditions.