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## Optimizing Care Coordination in Pediatric Neurology

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  - To promote integration across the network
  - To increase awareness of network expertise
  - To standardize best practices addressing clinical effectiveness, efficiency, appropriateness and patient experience
  - To improve population level outcomes and the overall performance
  - Billed as a conversation: the set-up is a dyad presentation by a Primary Care Physician and Specialist on a clinical topic of interest
- **Occurrence:**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of the month from 5:30—6:30 pm



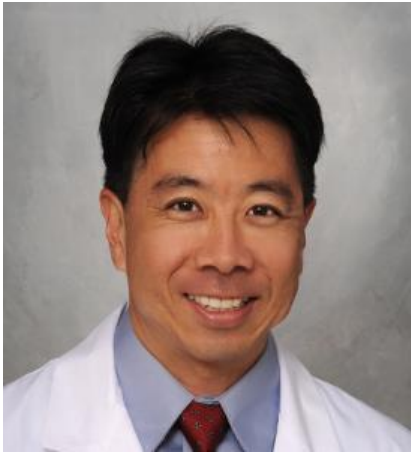
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2/11	Wound Care: <i>Dr. Mike Shin &amp; Dr. Sandra Noon</i>
2/25	Pediatric Neurology: <i>Dr. Keith Abe &amp; Dr. Justin Hino</i>
3/11	<b>Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) #1:</b> <i>Dr. Carol Lai &amp; Dr. Rajive Zachariah</i>
3/25	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
4/8	Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)#2
4/29	Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) #2
5/13	Opioids - Acute
5/27	Peds Nephrology: Hematuria
6/10	Dermatology: Skin Cancer
6/24	Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) #3

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7/8	Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) #3
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9/30	Diabetic Foot
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11/11	Psychiatric Meds: Adult & Peds
11/25	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>
12/16	Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) #4
12/30	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>

# Optimizing Referral in Pediatric Neurology



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# Pre-survey Responses from Referring PCPs

How do you decide when to refer to pediatric neurology?

- complexity, comfort level
- failed conservative measures
- seizures, DD, migraines
- need for EEG or MRI...

What challenges in referral process to pediatric neurology?

- 90% response “long wait time”
- duplicated documentation

What could help your referral process to pediatric neurology?

- more neurologists
- guidelines on when to refer
- guidelines on imaging
- help us to pick the specialist rather than throw out a net

A goal for all of us:

The right patients,  
seen by the right provider,  
at the right time

# Overview

- Current situation in pediatric neurology
- Improving referral efficiency
- Optimizing our resource utilization
  - Seizures
  - Headaches
  - Developmental Delay
  - Tics
- Focusing on the best target vs. overlap referrals

# Current Situation in Pediatric Neurology

- We love to help in the neurological care of your patients

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## CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

### The child neurology clinical workforce in 2015

Report of the AAP/CNS Joint Taskforce

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## ABSTRACT

This is the last of a 3-part series exploring the p neurology. This article addresses the 2 fundamente important challenge is our inadequate workforce; terns, and projected retirement, the child neurology likely worsen. The second challenge involves adaptin changes ahead. We propose that these 2 issues are re eration of career options in research, education, and p

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**THE FUTURE OF THE CLINICAL FIELD IN CHILD NEUROLOGY** Long waiting lists for new child neurology visits around the country led to various efforts to estimate future workforce needs. The American Academy of Neurology published a report in 2000 revealing a 20% deficiency of child neurologists until 2020.<sup>4</sup> A more recent survey found similar results.<sup>5</sup> In addition, a survey of child neurology resi-

Riddell KR, et al, Neurology 2010

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decreased emergency room visits, fewer unscheduled hospitalizations, and less burden on the primary care provider.

A developing critical shortage of child neurologists is making patient access difficult and increasing the burden on the remaining and strained workforce. Increasing the number of child neurologists is therefore essential for the future of children with neurologic disorders. To help

Zupanc ML, et al, *Neurology* 2019

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# Nationally / Locally in Pediatric Neurology

## Estimated supply and demand for neurologists, 2025



**Note:** Based on data from the American Academy of Neurology, American Medical Association, National Resident Match Program, and several federal government sources.

**Source:** Neurology 2013 April 17 (doi:10.1212/WNL.0b013e318294b1cf) IMNG Medical Media

**We have a >20% supply vs. demand deficit**

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# Local Situation in Pediatric Neurology

- Local community:
  - 2018: 1 moved out of state
  - 2019: 1 closed practice
  - 2020: 2 moved out of state + Dr. Aileen Tanaka arrived 😊
- HPH MG currently
  - 70-80 incoming new consult referrals per month
  - ~ 50 available appt/month, starting 3 months out
  - accumulating supply vs. demand deficit

# Real Life Referral Vignettes:

“Epic makes everything faster and more efficient?”

- Re: Headaches
- Chart review:
  - Patient message to PCP: “\_\_\_\_\_ has had bad headaches for 2 days”
  - PCP reply: “No problem, we will send a neurology referral”
  - No other notes in the chart regarding evaluation or treatment of HA

“Urgent due to long duration”

- Re: Headaches for 2 years, urgent
- Chart review:
  - Patient had 2 well child visits and other non-specific acute visits with no mention of headaches
  - Patient recently informed mom he recently had headaches and with further questioning, that he actually has had HA for 2 years and just didn’t mention it to her
  - No further headache history or headache directed exam on chart, follow up as needed

# Improving Referral Efficiency

- Reason for referral?
- Pertinent notes on condition available?
- Urgent or routine?
- Any prior specialist care?
  - Prior records available?
  - Second opinion or transfer of care?

# Improving Referral Efficiency

- Reason for referral?
  - Diagnosis? +/- Treatment? +/- long-term management?
- Pertinent notes on condition available?
  - Epic vs. fax
  - Notes Hx and PE and relevant tests
- Urgent or routine?
  - Why urgent?
    - ✓ Unprovoked seizure
    - ✓ Red flag headaches
    - ✓ Regression and/or new focal deficit(s)
    - ✓ Concerned about \_\_\_\_\_

# Real Life Referral Vignettes:

“Urgent needs seizure medication”

- Re: Epilepsy, urgent
- Chart review:
  - Patient moved to Hawai‘i 6 months prior, seen for numerous acute and well child visits
  - Needs refill of epilepsy medication
  - No records available on prior neurology care, diagnosis, treatment

# Improving Referral Efficiency

- Any prior specialist care?
  - **All prior records should be available for reference**  
(e.g. neurology consult notes, EEG, MRI, genetic tests, etc.)
  - **Second opinion or transfer of care?**



# Reasons for Pediatric Neurology Referral

- Seizures, seizure-like episodes ~ 40%
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# Seizures

- Was it a seizure?
- Was it an unprovoked seizure?
- Do they have epilepsy?

# Real Life Referral Vignettes:

“Agitated behavior, concern for seizure”

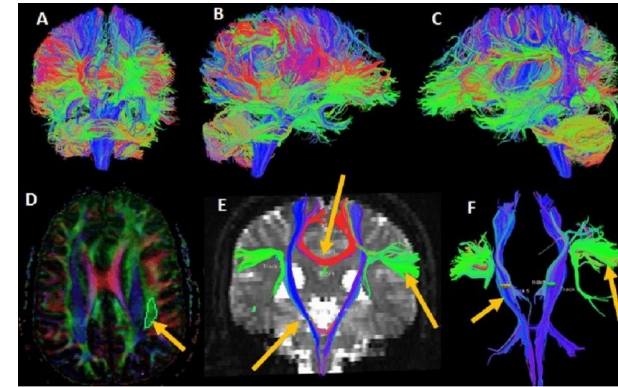
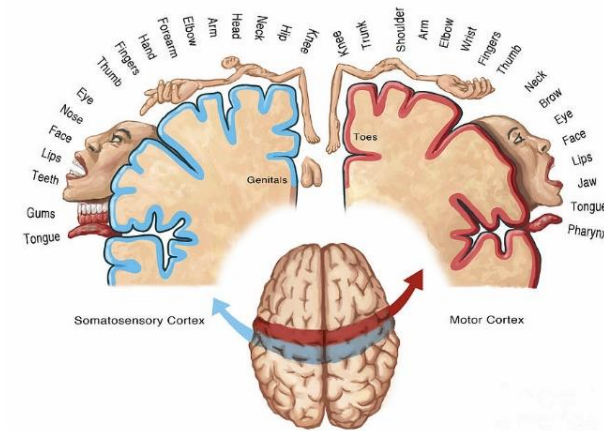
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  - 6 year old boy with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
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  - Goes on for 15-30 minutes or more
  - Triggers: being told can't do something, bed time, stopping screen time

# Was it a Seizure?

- A seizure is a paroxysmal event caused by hypersynchronous discharge of a group of neurons

## General characteristics:

- **Abrupt onset** of non-purposeful activity:
  - Alteration in awareness
  - Motor: jerking, twitching, posturing; guttural
  - Sensory: tingling
  - Autonomic: tachycardia, tachypnea, desaturation, flushing, hypersalivation, emesis
  - Other: speech changes
- Often eyes involved (gaze deviation, nystagmus, unable to fix and track)
- **Non-interruptible**
- Usually <3 minutes (not always)



<https://www.epilepsy.com/learn/about-epilepsy-basics/what-seizure>

# “Agitated Behavioral Seizure?”

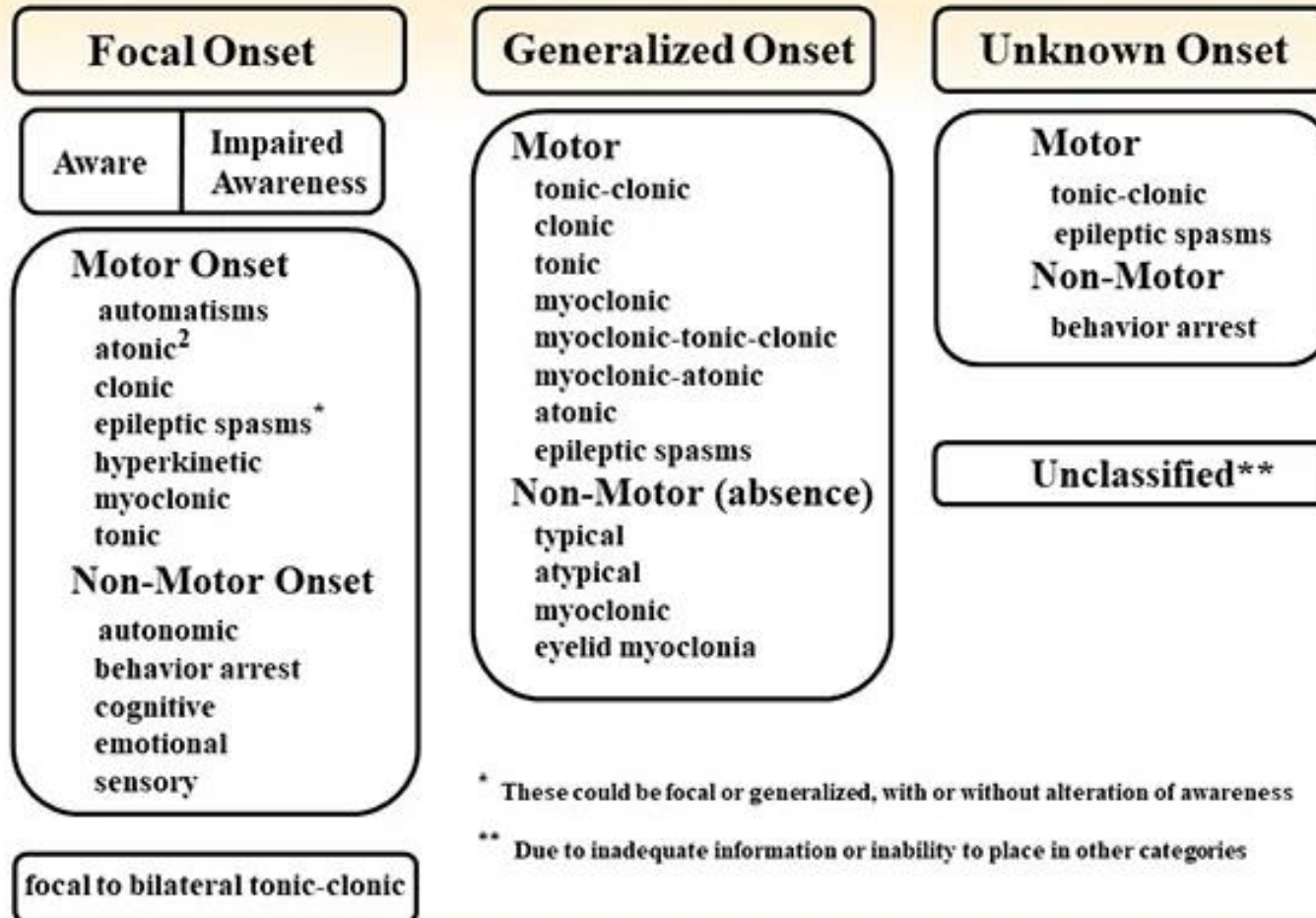
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## >> **Doubtful to be a seizure**

- Triggered/provoked event
- Complex purposeful behaviors
- Relatively prolonged

>> Epilepsy and EEG abnormalities are more common in patients with ASD, but do not feel EEG would be helpful in this situation

# ILAE 2017 Classification of Seizure Types Expanded Version



\* These could be focal or generalized, with or without alteration of awareness

\*\* Due to inadequate information or inability to place in other categories

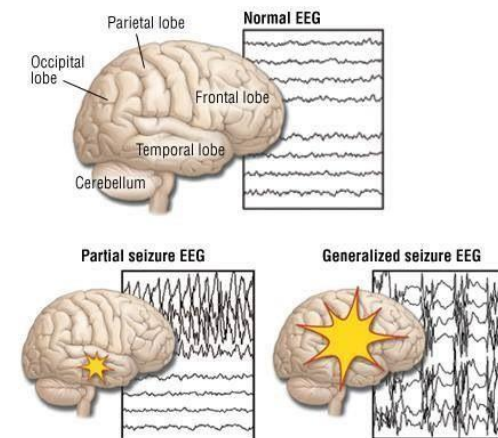
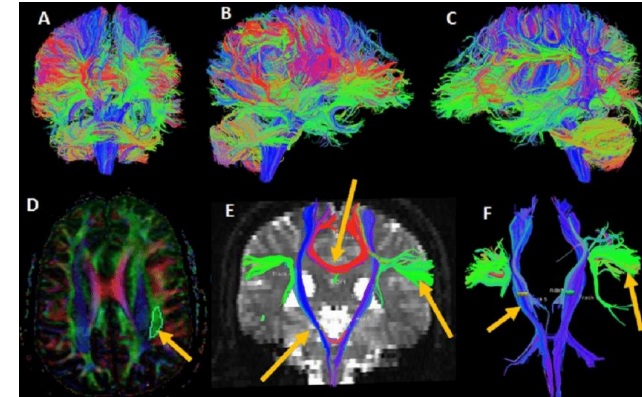
# Focal Seizure Manifestations:

## Frontal lobe seizures

- Head and eye movement to one side
- Complete or partial unresponsiveness or difficulty speaking
- Explosive screams, including profanities, or laughter
- Abnormal body posturing, fencer
- Repetitive movements, such as rocking, bicycle pedaling

## Temporal lobe seizures

- Auras/focal aware may be classified by symptom type, as follows:
  - Sensory – auditory, gustatory, olfactory, somatosensory, vestibular
  - Autonomic – Heart rate Change (asytyle, bradycardia, palpitations, tachycardia), flushing, gastrointestinal, pallor, piloerection, respiratory
  - Cognitive/psychic – Déjà vu or jamais vu, dissociation, depersonalization or derealization, aphasia/dysphasia, memory
  - Emotional/affective - agitation, aggression, anger, anxiety, fear, paranoia, pleasure, crying (dacrystic) or laughing
- Motionless stare, dilated pupils, and behavioral arrest
- Automatism - Oral-facial, eye blinking, alimentary, manual or unilateral dystonic limb posturing, perserveration, vocalization/speech



Smith P, Practial Neurology 2012 "Epilepsy: mimics, borderland and chameleons"

[https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Whole-brain-tractography-Whole-brain-tractography-shows-coronal-A-right-sagittal-B\\_fig4\\_320192514](https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Whole-brain-tractography-Whole-brain-tractography-shows-coronal-A-right-sagittal-B_fig4_320192514)



# Focal Seizure Manifestations:

## Parietal lobe seizures

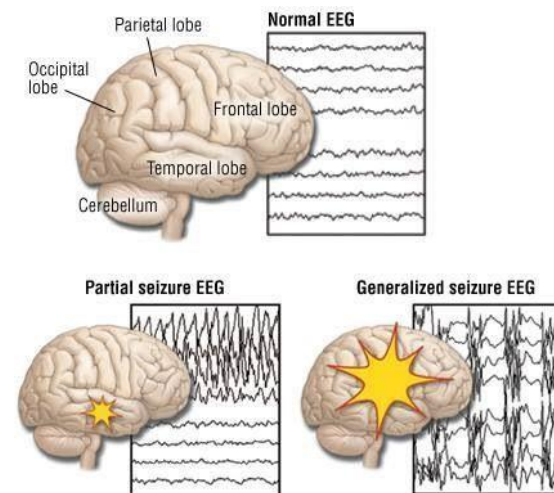
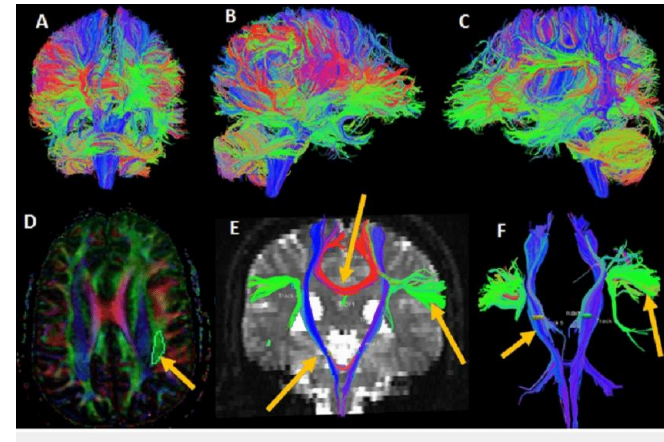
- Ictal pain
- Sensory symptoms – unilateral tingling, tightness

## Occipital lobe seizures

- Positive visual auras – colored shapes, formed objects
- Ictal blindness, often with retained awareness

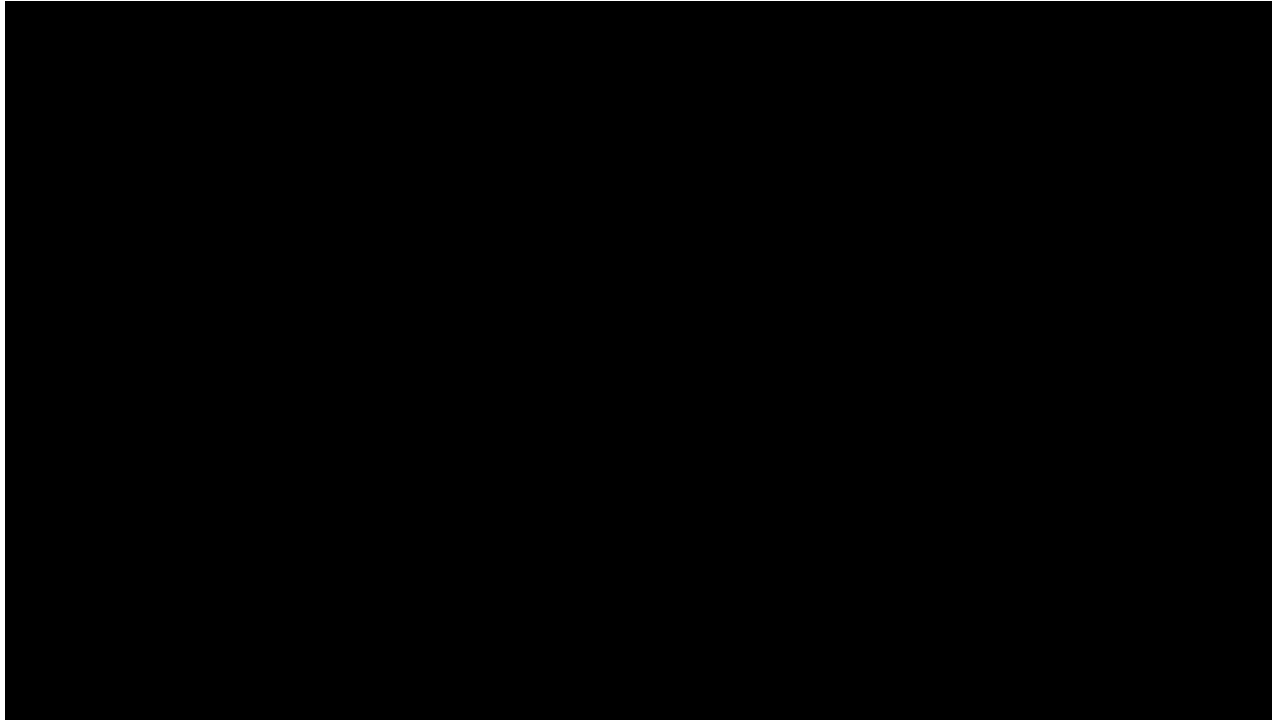
## Hypothalamic seizures

- Gelastic seizures– unprovoked giggling or laughing



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# Infantile Spasms



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRt8muFfUQo>

# What are Mimics of Seizure?

## Infant mimics

### Benign

- Jitteriness, normal startle, hiccups
- Benign neonatal sleep myoclonus
- Reflux (Sandifer)
- Bells reflex or disconjugate eye movements
- Breath Holding Spells

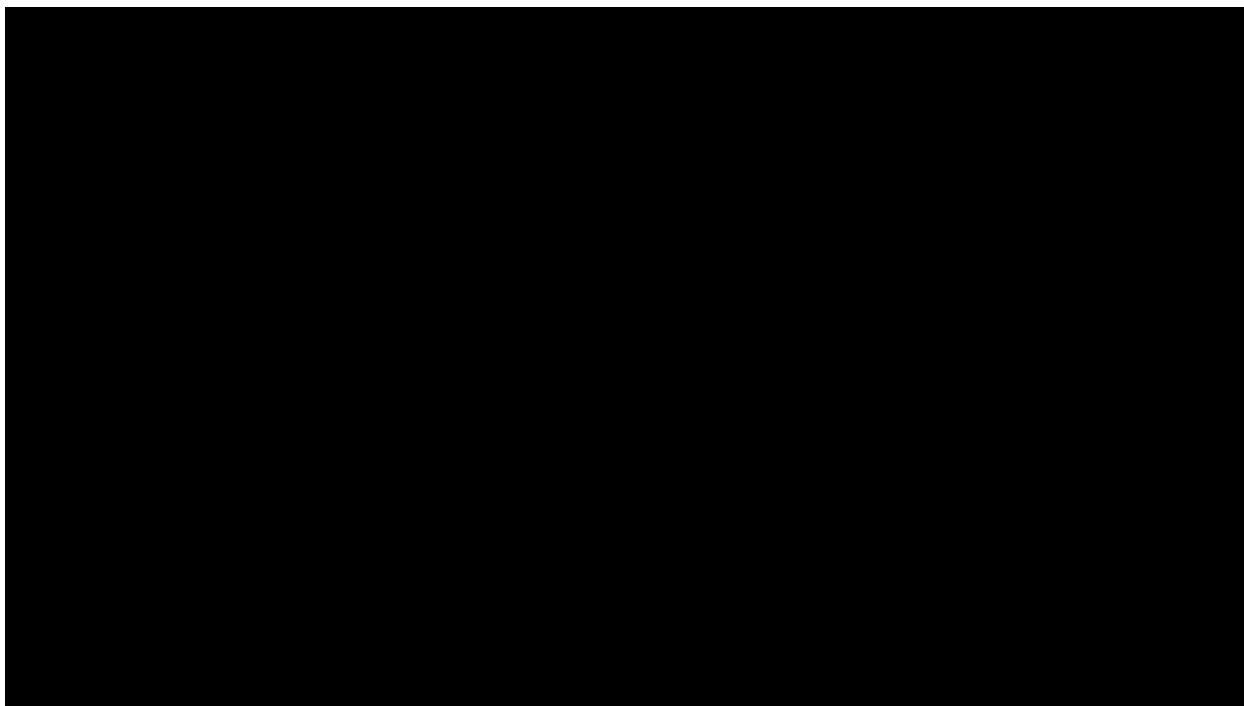


### Other pathology

- Complex motor automatism (bicycling, swimming)

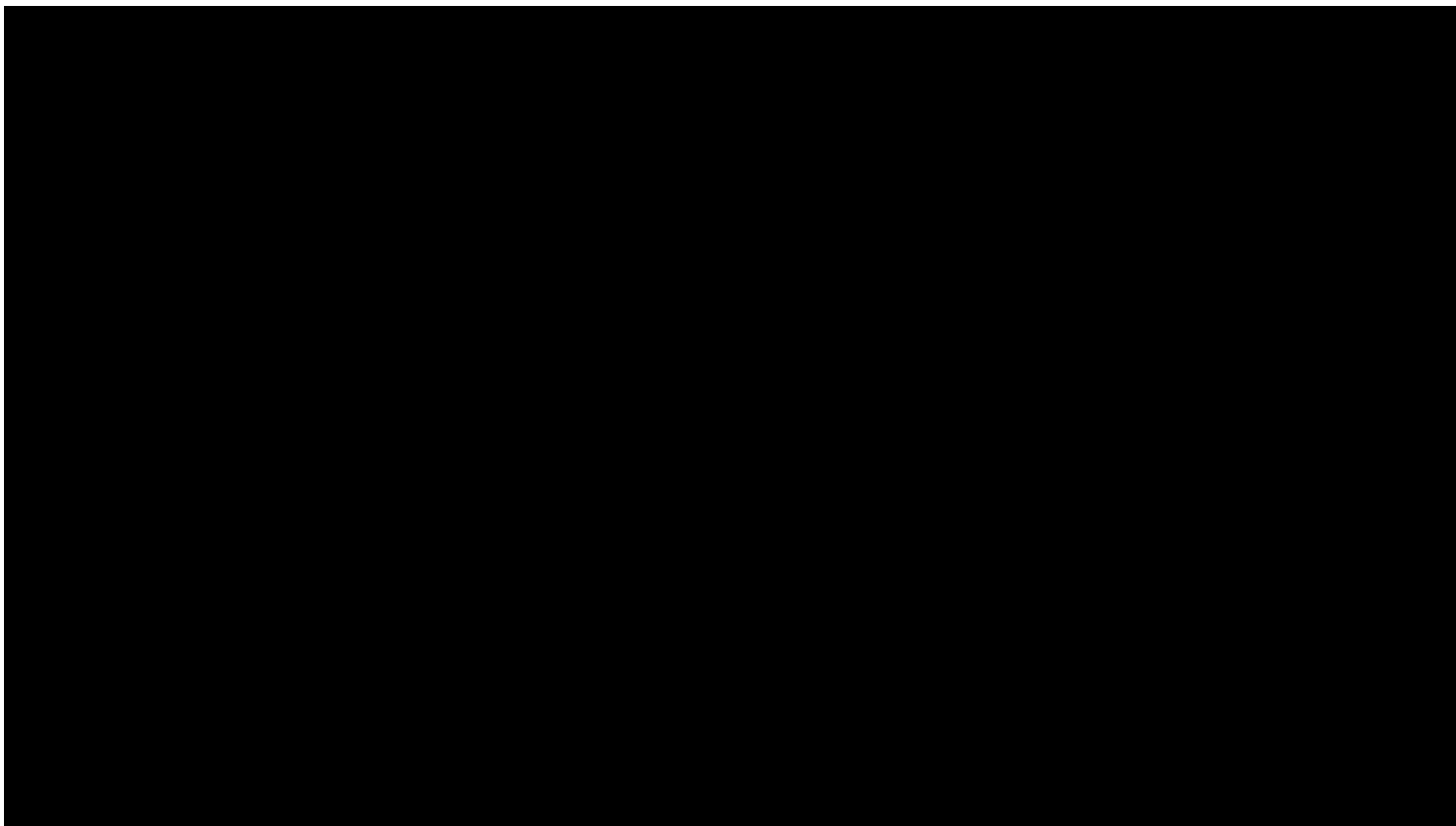
Clancy RR, Mimics of Epileptic Seizures in Neonates and Young Infants

# Sleep Myoclonus



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyRhVWrZbF8>

# Breath Holding Spell



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0640GTjScQ>

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# What are Mimics of Seizures?

## Child and adolescent mimics

### Common

- ADHD (“transient altered awareness?”)
- Syncope, convulsive syncope

### Movement disorder

- Tics (blinking, eye rolling, head twitching)
- Stereotypy
- Paroxysmal kinesigenic dyskinesia (PKD)

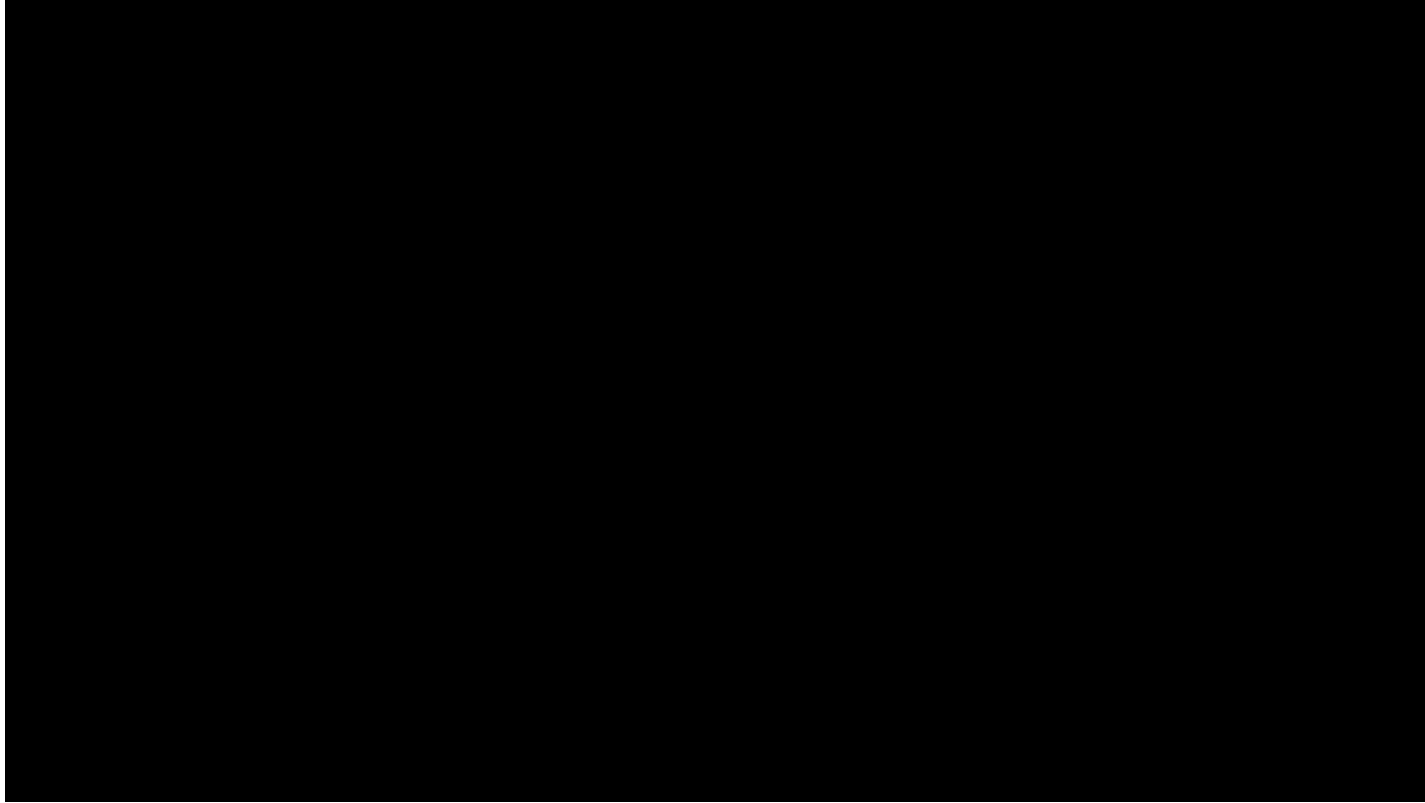
### Migraines and variants

- Benign Paroxysmal Torticollis (focal seizure?)
- Benign Paroxysmal Vertigo (temporal lobe seizure?)
- Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome (Panayiotopoulos syndrome?)
- Confusional migraine, visual aura



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# Absence Seizure



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS4mPF6Cwc0>

# Real Life Referral Vignettes:

## “Syncope vs. seizure”

- Re: Black out episode, possible seizure
  - Chart review:
    - 15 year old previously healthy girl,
    - stood up and collapsed after coming out of bathroom at home
    - recalled light headed dizziness and darkening of vision
    - caught by mom in hallway, unresponsive “for about a minute,” and had some twitching for few seconds
- >> Doubtful to be an epileptic seizure
- Don’t feel further evaluation would be needed
  - Counseling on lifestyle habits to prevent syncope
  - Counseling on what could be concerning clinical changes in the future



# What are Mimics of Seizures?

## Sleep disorders

- REM parasomnias
- Narcolepsy and cataplexy

## Psychiatric

- Panic/anxiety disorder, hyperventilation syndrome, dissociative
- Psychogenic non-epileptic seizures

## Other mimics

- Gratification syndrome/masturbation

## Other pathology

- Tonic decorticate/decerebrate posturing – ↑ ICP

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# Real Life Referral Vignettes:

“3 strikes and refer”

- Re: Multiple febrile seizures
- Chart review:
  - 3 year old developmentally normal boy
  - 3rd simple febrile seizure
  - Further testing or treatment?

# Simple vs. Complex Febrile Seizures

	Simple Febrile Seizure	Complex Febrile Seizure
Criteria	<div>ALL REQUIRED</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 month-5 years</li> <li>• primary generalized</li> <li>• &lt;15 minutes</li> <li>• Only 1 within 24 hours</li> <li>• (normal development and exam)</li> </ul>	<div>POSSIBLE ANY</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;6 month or &gt;5 years</li> <li>• Focal (onset, post-ictal paresis)</li> <li>• Prolonged (&gt;15 minutes), <u>and/or</u></li> <li>• Recurrent within 24 hours</li> <li>• (neuro developmental abnormality)</li> </ul>
Incidence	• 2-5% (1 in 50 to 1 in 20)	About 20% of FS
Evaluation	None (except for fever cause PRN)	Consider EEG Consider CT/MRI (focal, prolonged)
Treatment	None	Consider diazepam (PR or IN)
Prognosis	30% recurrence (50% if <1 y.o.) <div>10% have 3 or more</div> Epilepsy risk 1-2%	Epilepsy risk 3% to 30% (higher risk with more complex factors)

Clinical Practice Guideline—Febrile Seizures: Guideline for the Neurodiagnostic Evaluation of the Child With a Simple Febrile Seizure, Pediatrics 201)

Patel AD et al, Complex febrile seizures: a practical guide to evaluation and treatment, J Child Neurol 2013

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  - Chart review:
    - 3 year old developmentally normal boy
    - 3rd simple febrile seizure
    - Further diagnosis or treatment?
- >> 10% of patients with febrile seizures may have 3 or more
- No further evaluation or treatment
  - Most important: counsel on seizure first aid & precautions

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/127/2/389.full.pdf>

# Do They Have Epilepsy?

## A practical clinical definition of epilepsy

\*Robert S. Fisher, †Carlos Acevedo, ‡Alexis Arzimanoglou, §Alicia Bogacz, ¶J. Helen Cross,  
#Christian E. Elger, \*\*Jerome Engel Jr, ††Lars Forsgren, ‡‡Jacqueline A. French, §§Mike  
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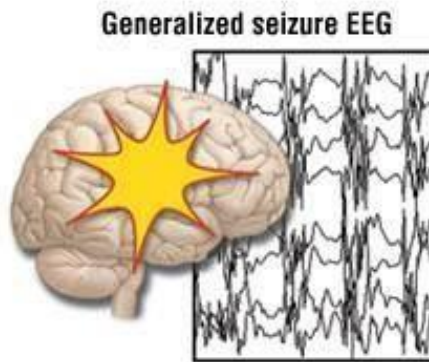
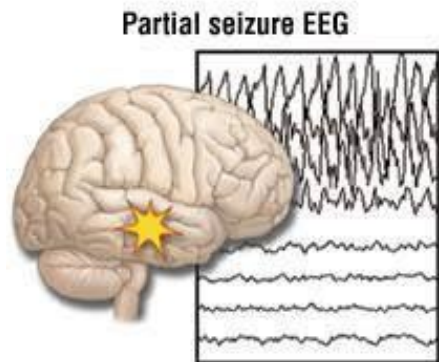
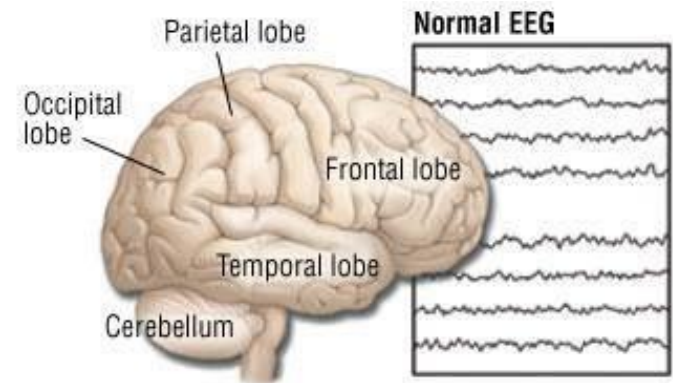
*Epilepsia*, 55(4):475–482, 2014

- A seizure is an event vs.
- Epilepsy is the disease involving recurrent unprovoked seizures

## Dx: Epilepsy if any of the following conditions:

- At least two unprovoked (or reflex) seizures occurring greater than 24 hours apart
- One unprovoked (or reflex) seizure and a probability of further seizures similar to the general recurrence risk (at least 60%) after two unprovoked seizures, occurring over the next 10 years
- Diagnosis of an epilepsy syndrome

# EEG – Routine and Prolonged Video EEG Monitoring





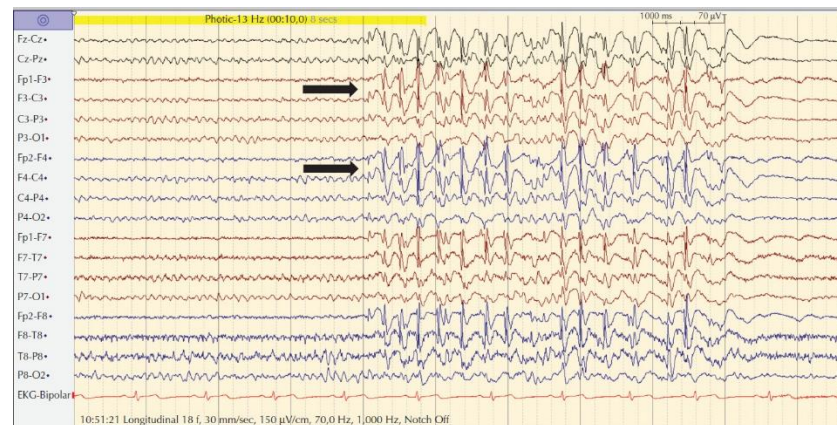
# EEG – Routine and Prolonged video EEG monitoring

## Epileptiform abnormalities on EEG

- Indicates ↑ risk of seizure recurrence
- Informs of type of seizure onset
- May contribute to diagnosis of epilepsy

However,

- EEGs typically don't “show seizures”
- Sensitivity limited, only about 60% of patient with epilepsy have an abnormal first EEG → normal EEG does not exclude risk of epilepsy



PCP ordering an EEG prior to initial consultation helps with efficiency of eval

Prolonged EEGs can clarify events of concern (when recorded in real time) but should be ordered with/by neurologist who will read the study

# Seizures

- Is it a seizure?
- Unprovoked seizure?
- Do they have epilepsy?

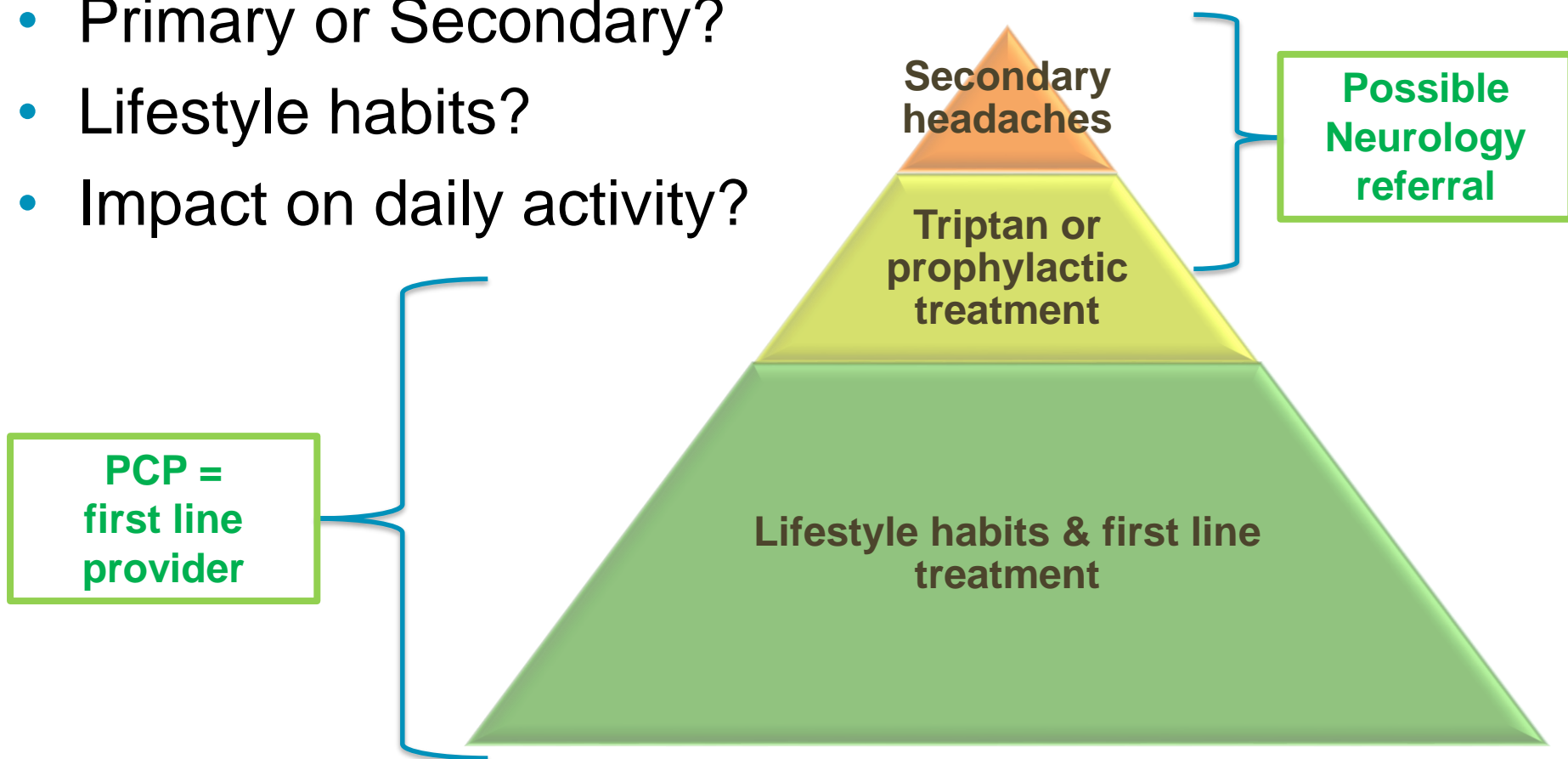


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# Headaches

- Primary or Secondary?
- Lifestyle habits?
- Impact on daily activity?



# Headaches

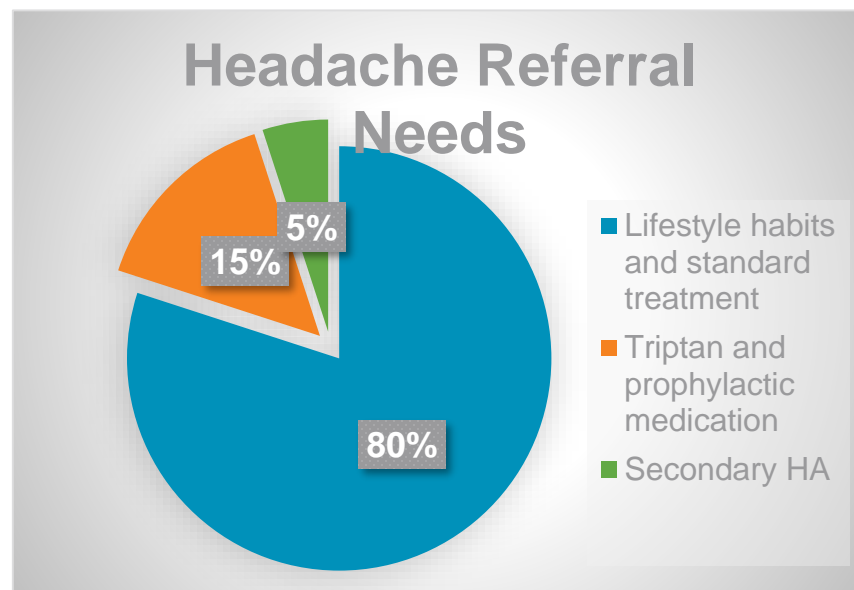
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**Acute Treatment of Migraine in Children and Adolescents**

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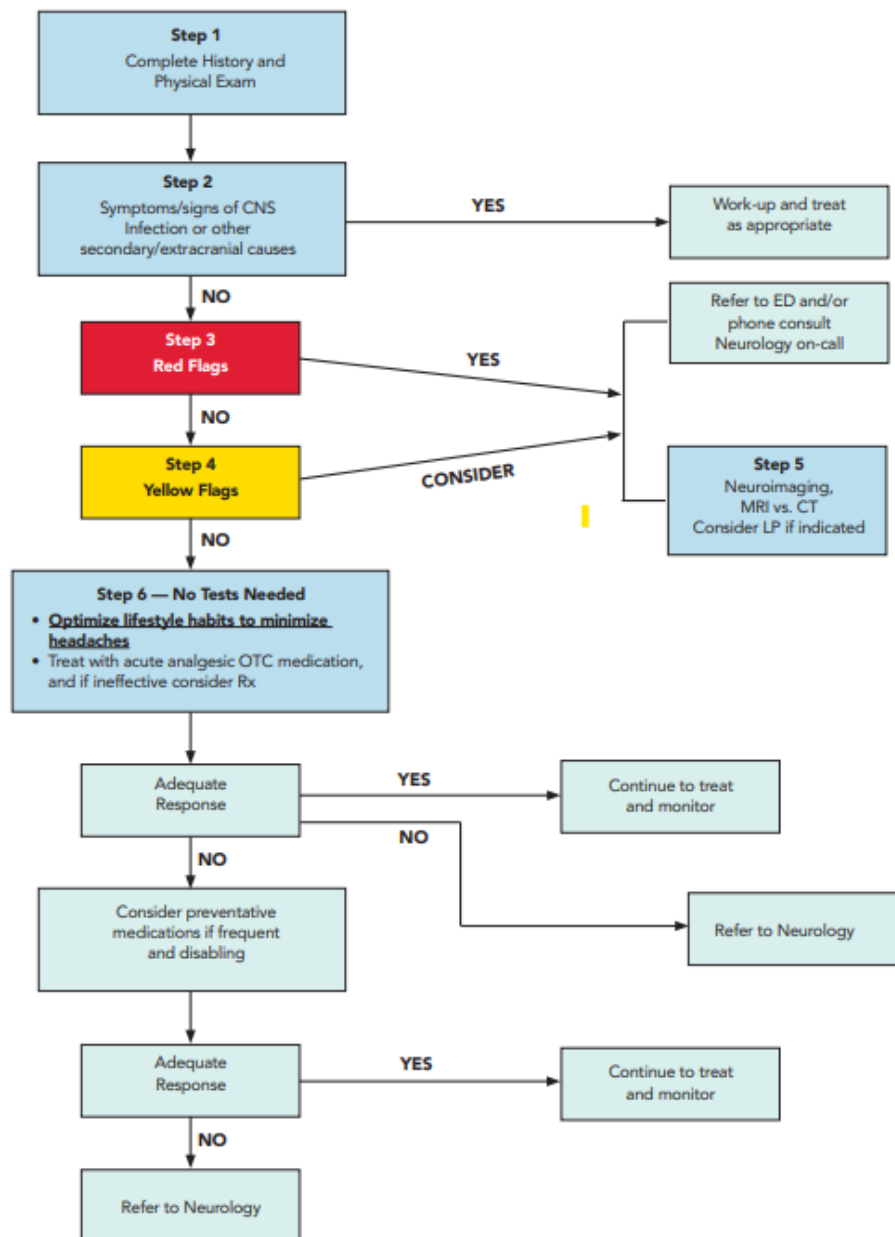


- Practice Guideline Update: Acute Treatment of Migraine in Children and Adolescents— American Academy of Neurology 2019  
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# HEADACHE ALGORITHM

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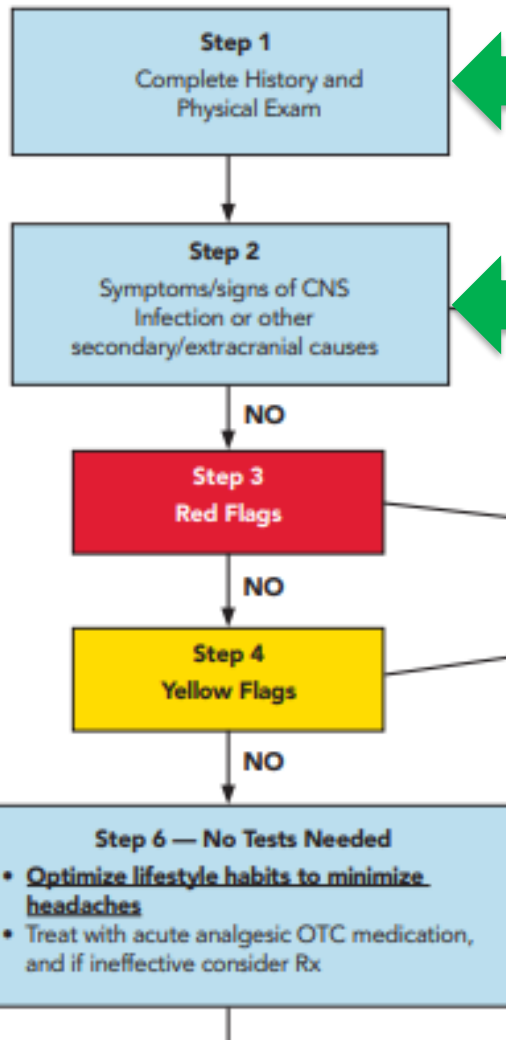
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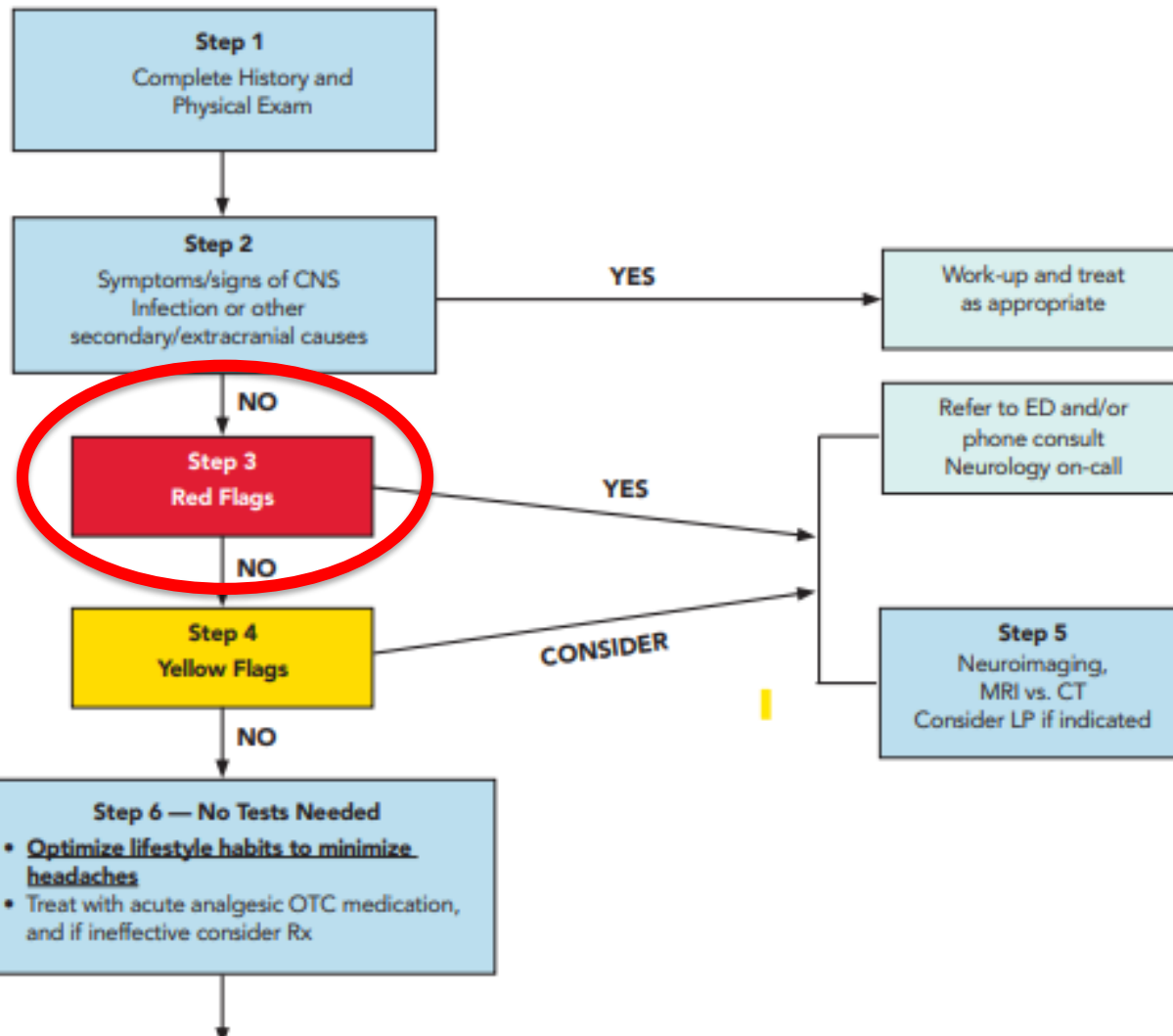
## Evaluation and Diagnosis – Step 1:

- 1) A thorough history helps to prevent unnecessary investigation and neuroimaging.
- 2) Headache Diary
- 3) Characteristics of headache
  - Quality, Severity, Associated symptoms
  - Setting, Frequency, Duration

## Assess for other causes & exacerbating factors of headaches – Step 2:

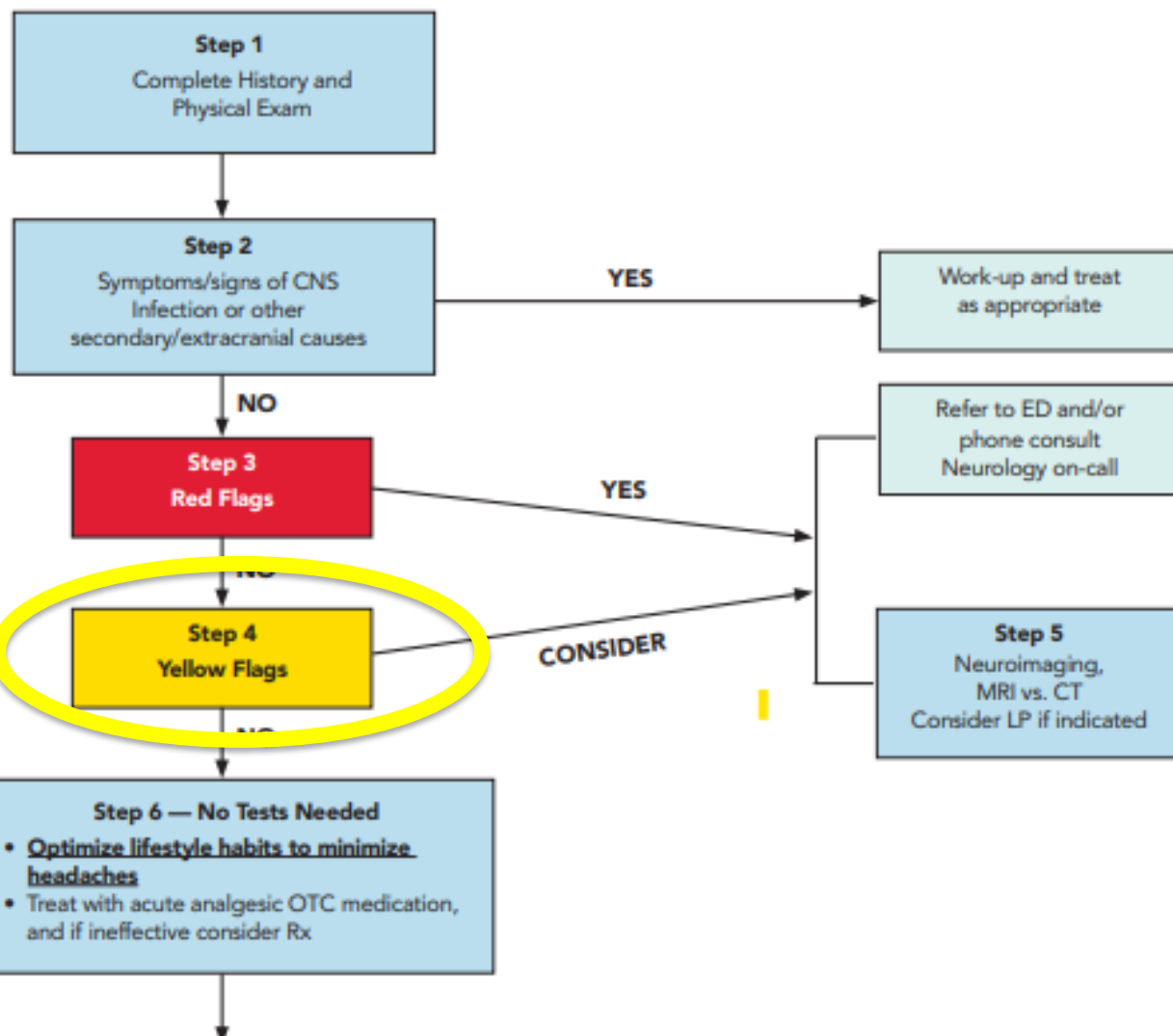
- 1) **Triggers** – stressors, sleep problems (inadequate quantity/quality), not drinking enough, heat, physical activity, menstruation, Valsalva (coughing/bowel movements), standing/lying, certain foods.
- 2) **Extra-cranial causes** – systemic illness, head injury, dental caries/abscess, sinusitis, mastoiditis.
- 3) **Concurrent medical problems** – hypertension, vision problems, seizures, TMJ.
- 4) **Assess headache hygiene lifestyle habits** – stressors, adequate sleep, adequate meals and hydration, caffeine intake, exercise and recreational activities, depression/mood.
- 5) **Assess how the headaches have impacted daily activities** – missed school, can't play sports, enjoyment of recreational activities.
- 6) **Previous use of medications to treat headaches** – type of medication, dosing, timely administration.
- 7) **Consider common cause for conversion to chronic headaches:** excessive stress, sleep disorder, depressed mood, and acute medication overuse (> 3 days/week, > 3 weeks).
- 8) **Physical exam** (nuchal rigidity, signs of trauma, cranial bruit, or neurocutaneous condition?), thorough neurological exam (focal deficits?) and **funduscopy exam (papilledema?)**.
- 9) **What helps to alleviate headaches** (sleep often is most effective for migraine resolution)?





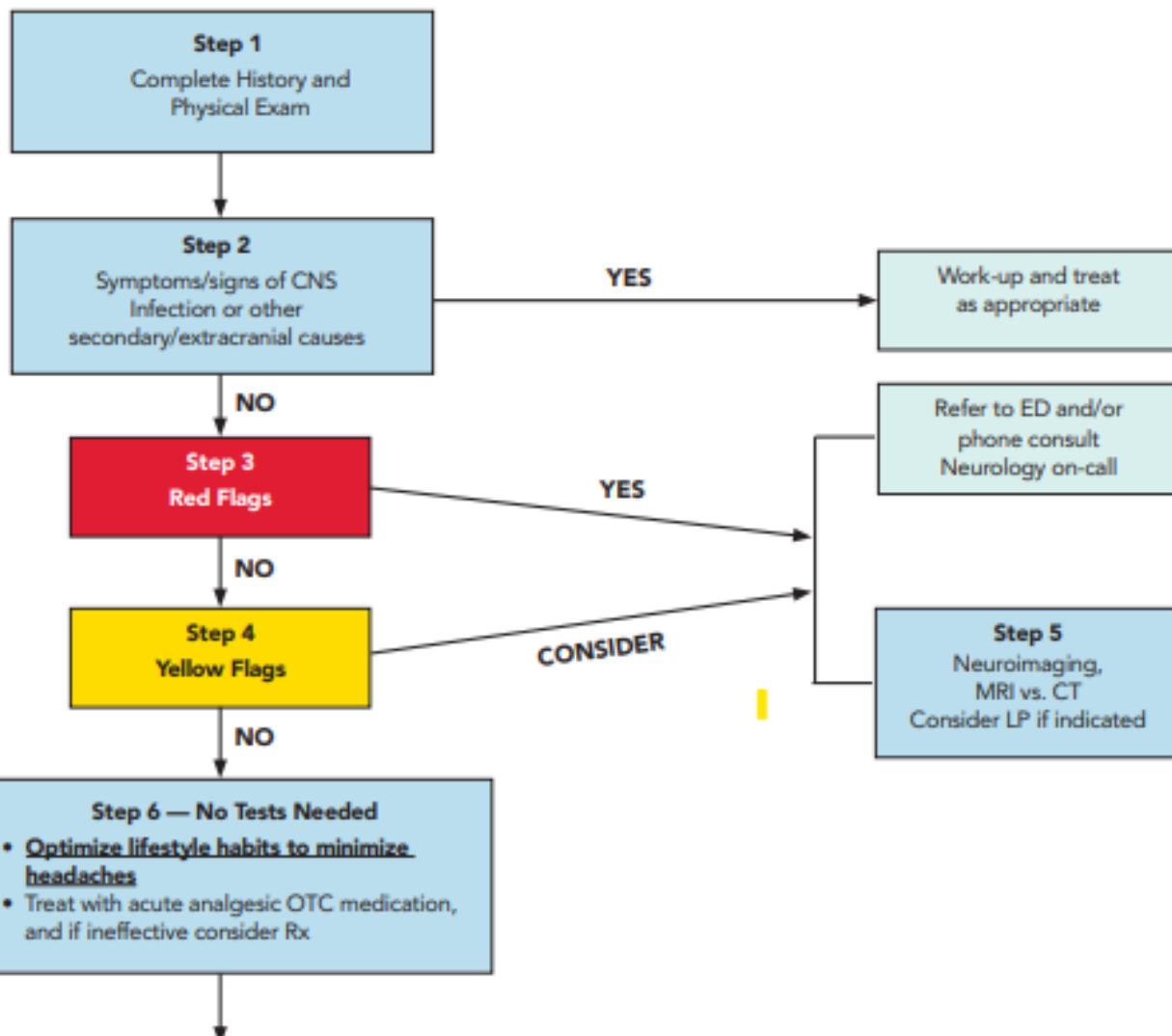
**Red Flags** (if new, persistent, progressive) indicate need for urgent evaluation/testing – Step 3:

- 1) **Abnormal neurological exam**
- 2) **Progressive and persistent** (unremitting) headache, especially if **new onset** and poorly responsive to treatment.
- 3) **Signs of increased ICP** – papilledema, unremitting emesis, worsened when recumbent
- 4) **Extremely severe abrupt headache onset** (“thunderclap”)
- 5) **Focal neurologic symptoms/signs** which are persistent (unresolving) and/or atypical for migraine aura.
- 6) **Developmental regression, personality change.**



## Yellow flags (consider referral or other testing) – Step 4:

- 1) **Occipital/cervical** predominant focus.
- 2) Significant associated symptoms of **neck and/or back**.
- 3) Known **risk factor for associated intracranial pathology** (e.g., sickle cell disease, immune deficiency, malignancy, vasculopathy, coagulopathy, intracardiac shunt, significant head trauma, neurocutaneous condition, pre-existing hydrocephalus or shunt or progressive macrocephaly).
- 4) **Age < 3 years**.



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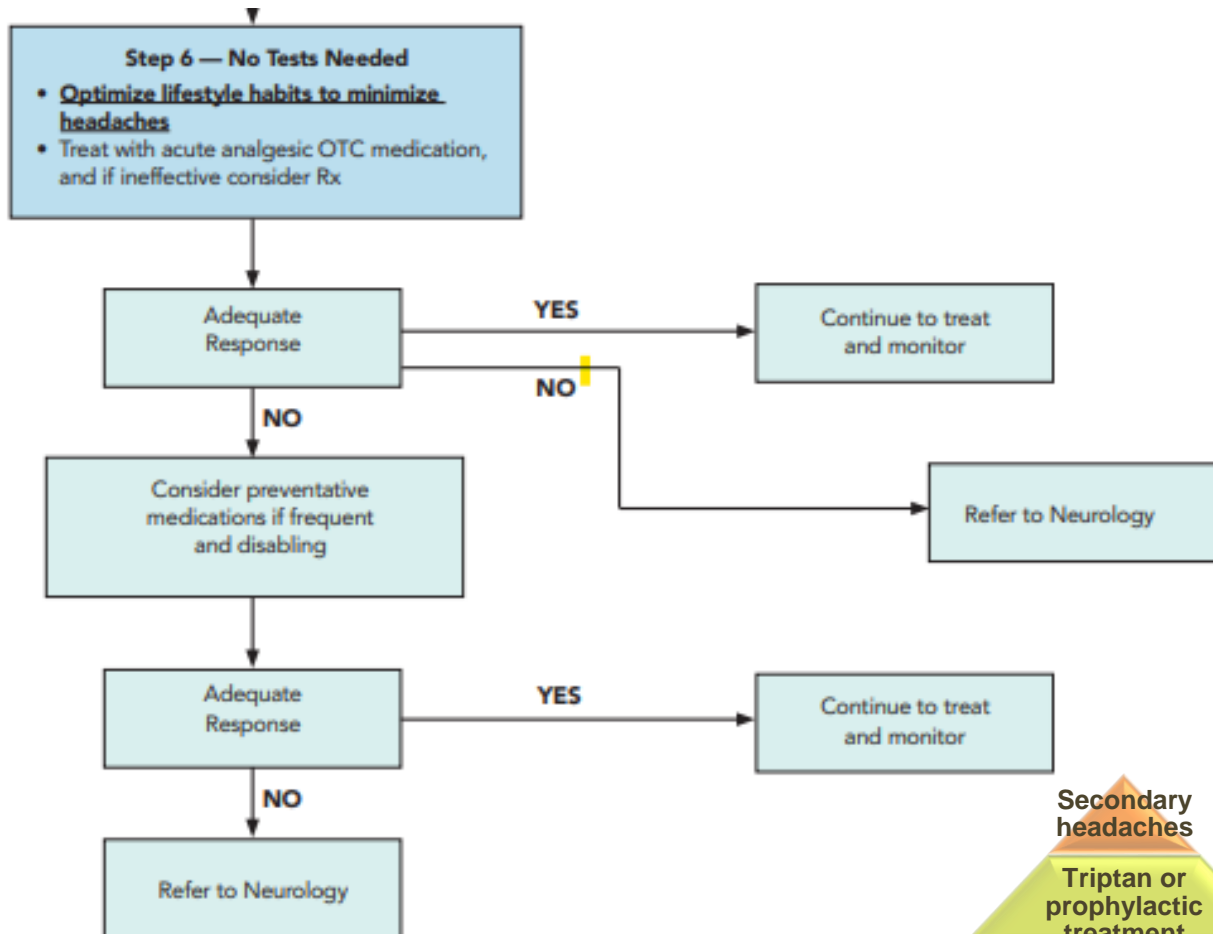
- NO signs/symptoms of CNS infection or secondary cause
- **NO Red Flags**
- **NO Yellow Flags**

Then:

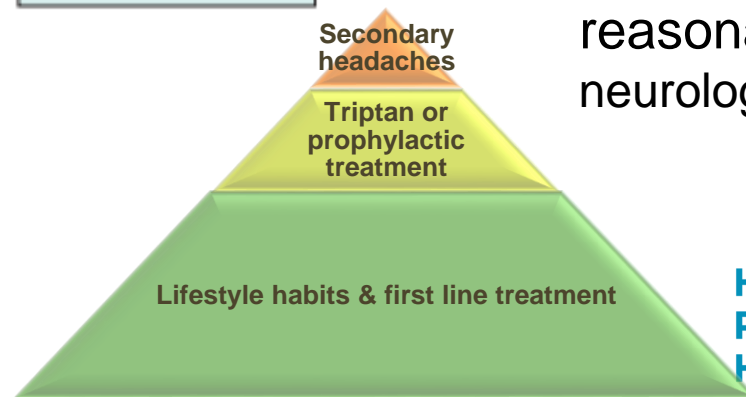
- Lifestyle Habits
- Headache log
- Acute symptomatic treatment



# Headaches



- If not complying with lifestyle habit modification → continue to emphasize need to optimize lifestyle habits first before escalating treatments.
- If not responding to optimized lifestyle habits and standard acute treatments → reasonable to refer to neurology



# Reasons for Pediatric Neurology Referral

- Seizures, seizure-like episodes - 40%
- Headaches - 30%
- **Developmental delay ~ 10-20%**
- **Tics ~ 5-10%**
- **Other ~ 5-10%**

# Developmental Delay Referral

- Progressive worsening/regression?
- Unknown cause?
- Microcephaly/macrocephaly?
- Focal deficits?

Old guidelines (AAP 2006, AAN 2003):

- <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/117/6/2304.full.pdf>
- <https://www.aan.com/globals/axon/assets/2603.pdf>

# Real Life Referral Vignettes:

“Cover all the bases”

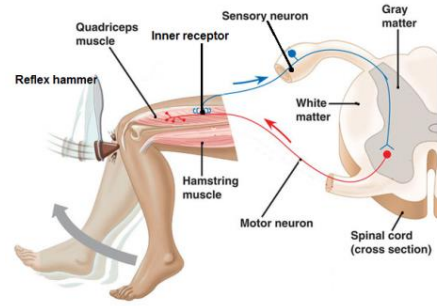
Re: Patient with known diagnosis of

- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and/or
- Intellectual disability (ID) or Learning disability (LD) and/or
- Behavioral problem

→ Simultaneous referral to pediatric neurology and developmental behavioral pediatrics

# Overlap referrals

- Reflex ~~referral~~
- Shot-gun ~~referrals~~
- “Everyone has long wait times, see whoever you can see first”



New York Post

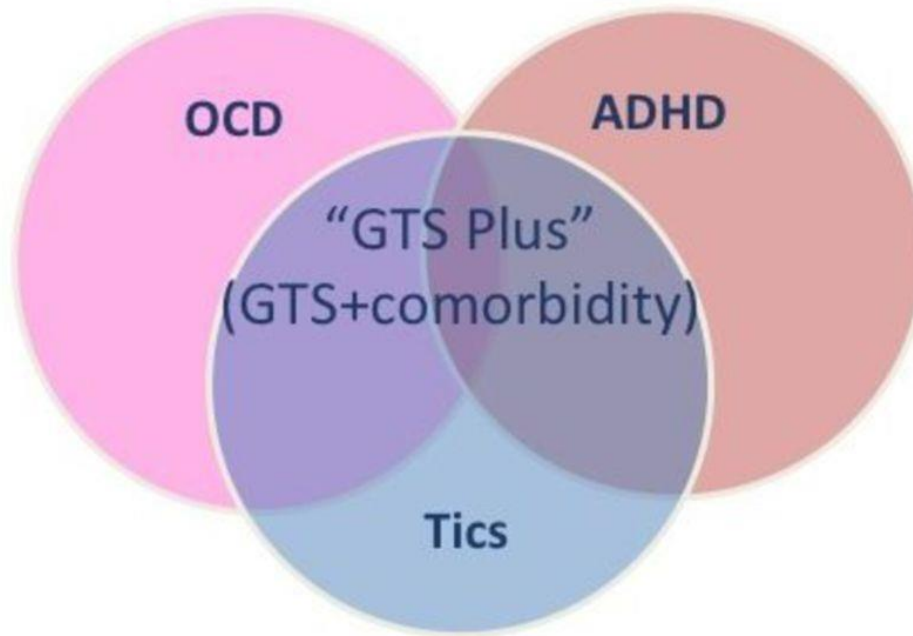
The right patients,  
seen by the right provider,  
at the right time



# Tics/Tourette + ADHD + OCD

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)  
Population prevalence- 1-3%

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)  
Population prevalence- 5-7%

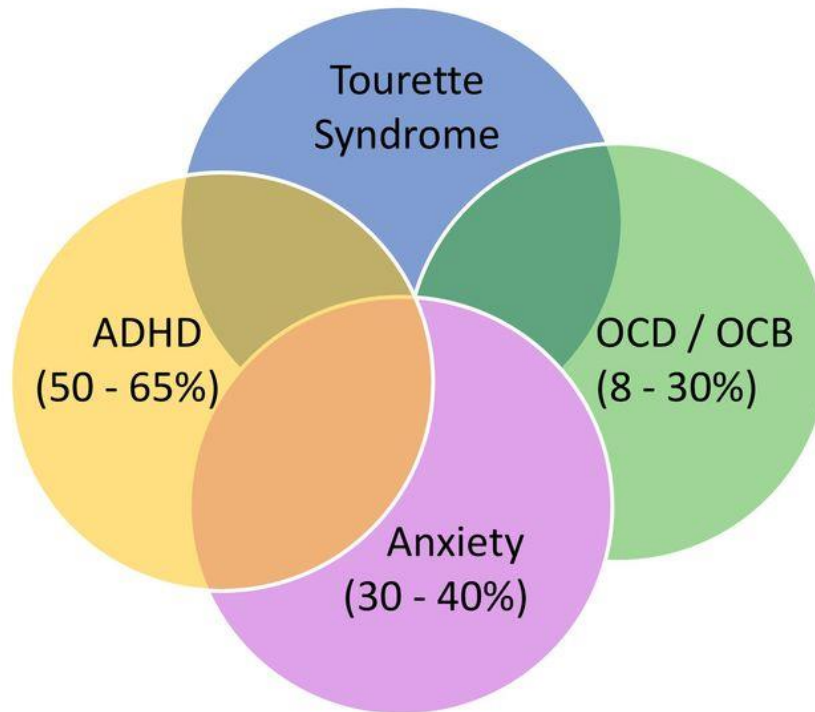


Gilles de la Tourette Syndrome (GTS)  
Population prevalence- 1% in children  
(of which 12% have tics alone)

Stern J, Tourette's syndrome and its borderland," Praticial Neurology 2017

# Tics/Tourette Rates of Comorbidities

## *Tic Disorders and Common, Co-occurring Conditions*



### Other Common Concerns

Mood Disorders  
30 - 40%

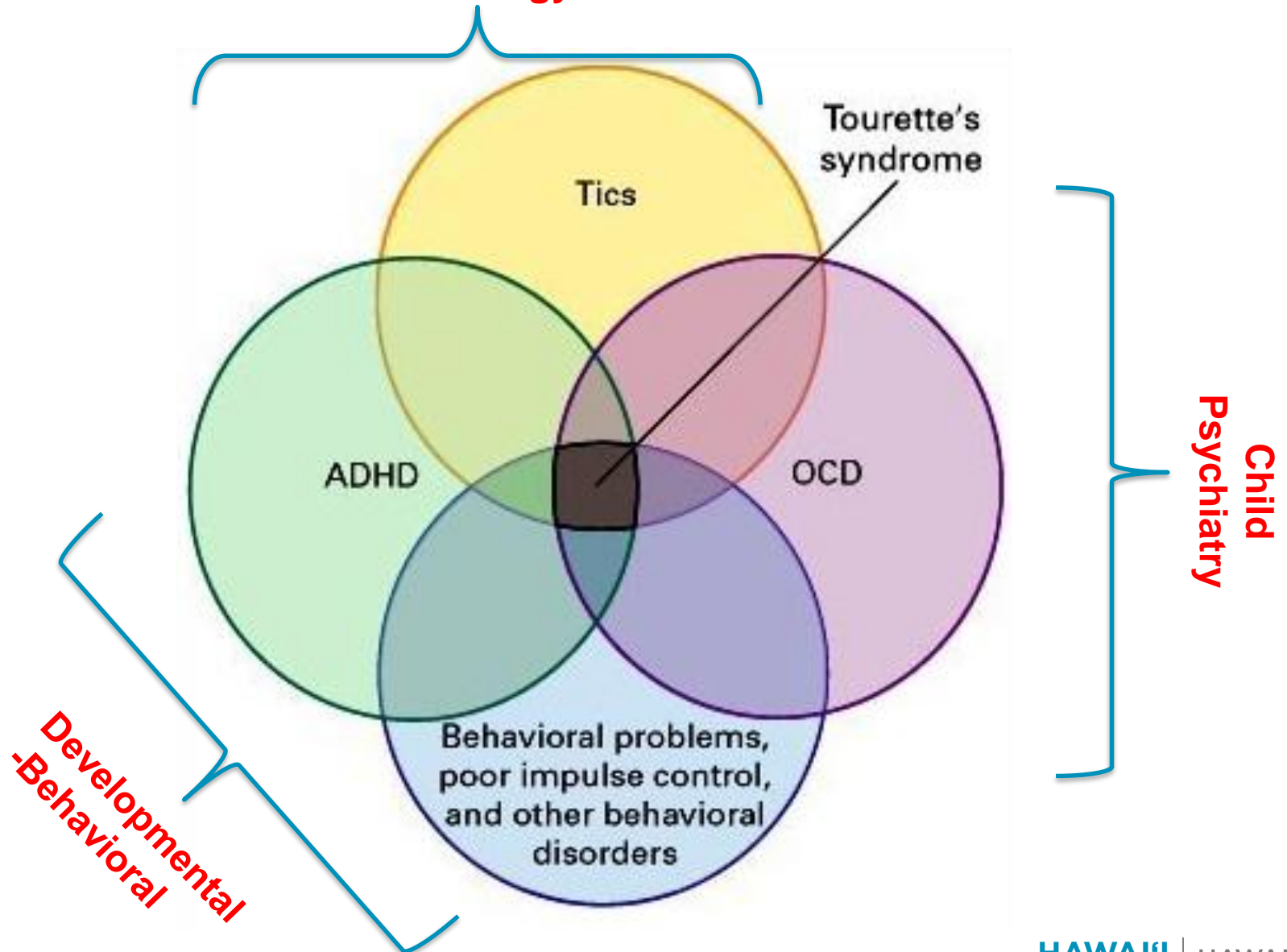
School problems  
16 - 68%

Sleep Problems  
20 - 50%

Autistic Spectrum  
Disorders  
4% - 12%

Budman C,fd Adams H, Understanding Tourette; <https://slideplayer.com/slide/12249268/>

## Neurology



Janikowski, J, "Tourette's Syndrome," NEJM 2001

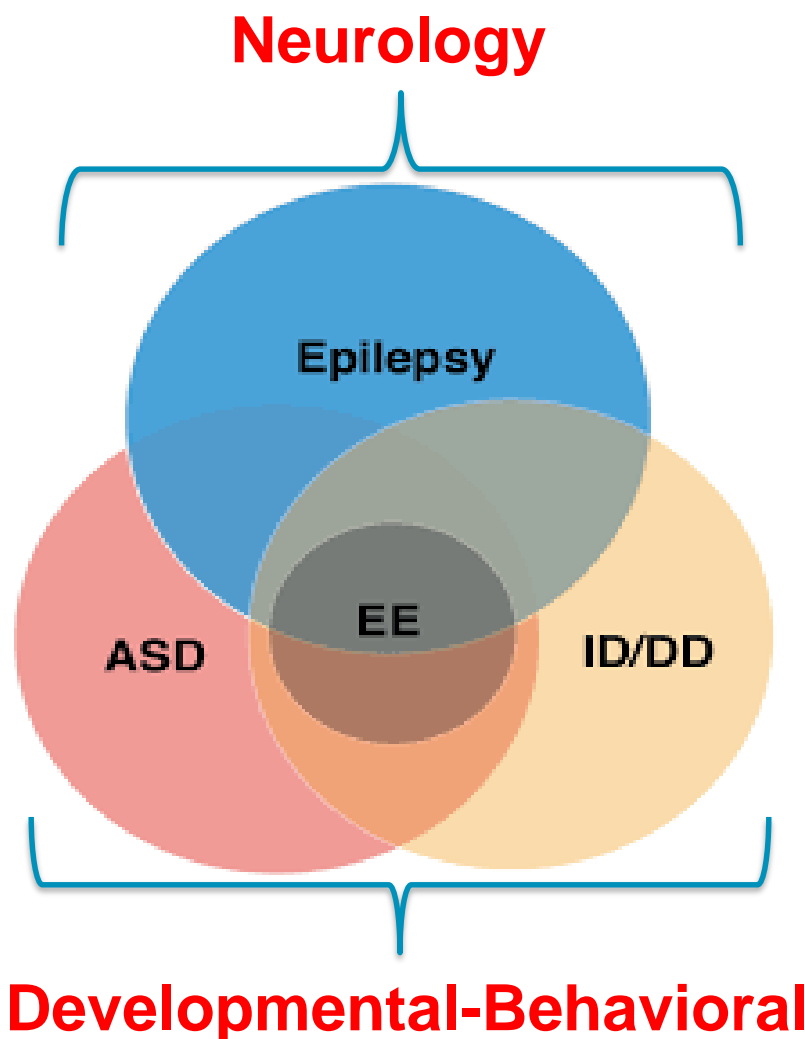
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# DBP and/or Neurology?

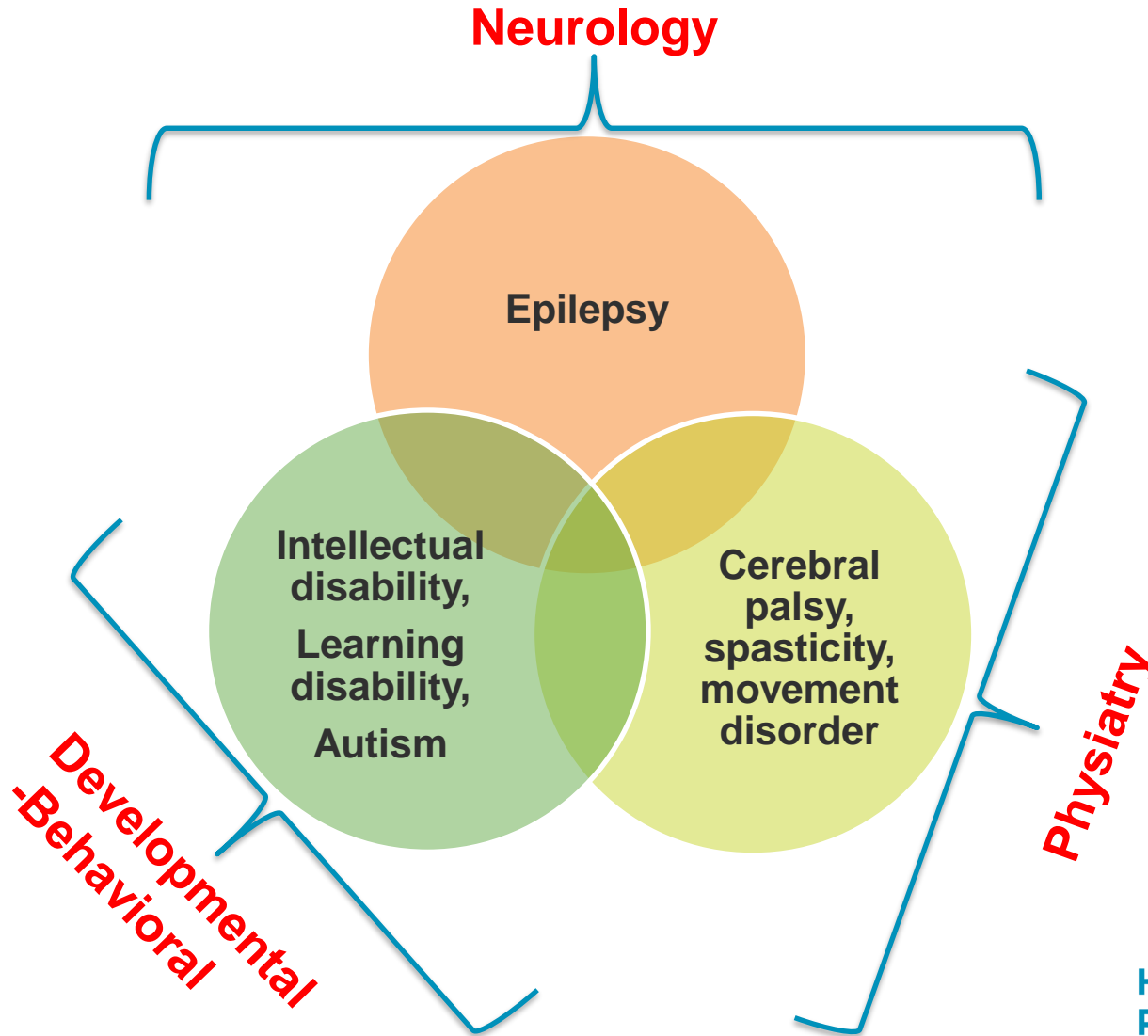


Heyne, HO, et al, BioRxIV 2017

# DBP and/or Neurology?

	Developmental-Behavioral	Neurology
<b>Diagnosis</b>		
Autism Spectrum Disorder	Yes	Yes
Learning Disability	Yes	No
Intellectual Disability	Yes	No
ADHD	Yes	Yes (esp. with tics)
Behavioral problem	Yes	No
<b>Treatment/Management</b>		
Autism Spectrum Disorder	Yes	Maybe (if seizures)
Learning Disability	Yes	No
Intellectual Disability	Yes	No
ADHD	Yes	Maybe (with tics or seizures)
Behavioral problem	Yes	No

# Physiatry, DBP, and/or Neurology



# Where to Send Concussion?



<https://www.thegazette.com/subject/sports/concussion-are-sports-hidden-injury-20160411>

# Where to Send Concussion?

Creating a *healthier* Hawai'i

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Abe, Keith MD (Neurology) ⌵ ⚙️ ?

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TBI referral chart

Sports Medicine- Dr. King and Dr. Lynch ... **Concussion** Syndrome ... \*Dr. Biffi can consult on patients with **concussion** as well if Dr. Lynch or Dr. King aren't ...

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# Concussion vs. More Severe TBI:

Sports Medicine- Dr. King and Dr. Lynch	Physiatry- Dr. Zagustin
Mild TBI <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCS 13-15</li><li>• LOC &lt; 30 min</li><li>• Physical Symptoms</li></ul>	Severe TBI <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCS 3-8</li><li>• LOC &gt; 24 hours</li><li>• Cerebral Contusion, Laceration, DAI</li></ul>
Skull Fracture <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• With Physical Symptoms</li></ul>	Moderate TBI <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCS 9-12</li><li>• LOC 30 min-24 hrs</li></ul>
Small Intracranial Hemorrhage ( $\leq 5$ mm)	Moderate- Large Intracranial Hemorrhage (> 5mm)
Concussion Syndrome	Shaken Baby Syndrome

\*Dr.Zagustin can consult on patients with concussion as well if Dr. Lynch or Dr. King aren't available.

Dr. Lynch, Dr. King, and Dr. Zagustin are in the same department and would be happy to be contacted for any confusion about a particular patient consult.

- <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/concussion-program>

# Please Help Us to Help You

- Encourage compliance with appointments when you see your patient
- Encourage compliance with prescribed treatments when you see your patient
- Please cancel (early!) if consultation not needed

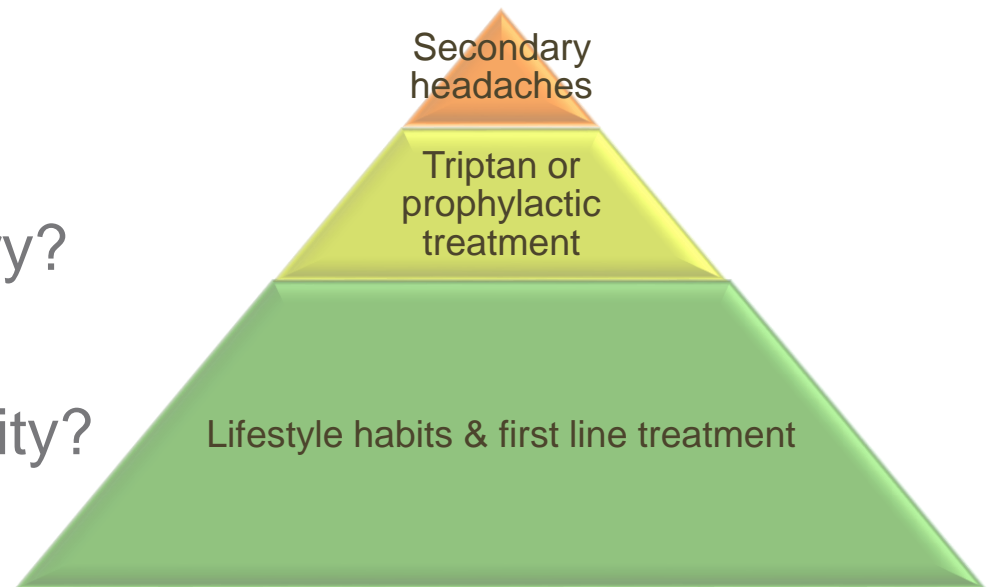
# Improving Referral Efficiency

- Reason for referral?
- Pertinent notes on condition available?
- Urgent or routine?
- Any prior specialist care?
  - Prior records available?
  - Second opinion or transfer of care?



# Right Reasons, at the Right Time:

- Seizures, seizure-like episodes ~ 40%
  - Was it a seizure?
  - Was it an unprovoked seizure?
  - Do they have epilepsy?
- Headaches ~ 30%
  - Primary or Secondary?
  - Lifestyle habits?
  - Impact on daily activity?



# Right Patient Sees the Right Provider:

Isolated:

- ASD, ID, LD, behavioral problems → DBP
- Cerebral palsy, spasticity, dystonia → Physiatry
- Concussion/mild TBI → Concussion Clinic

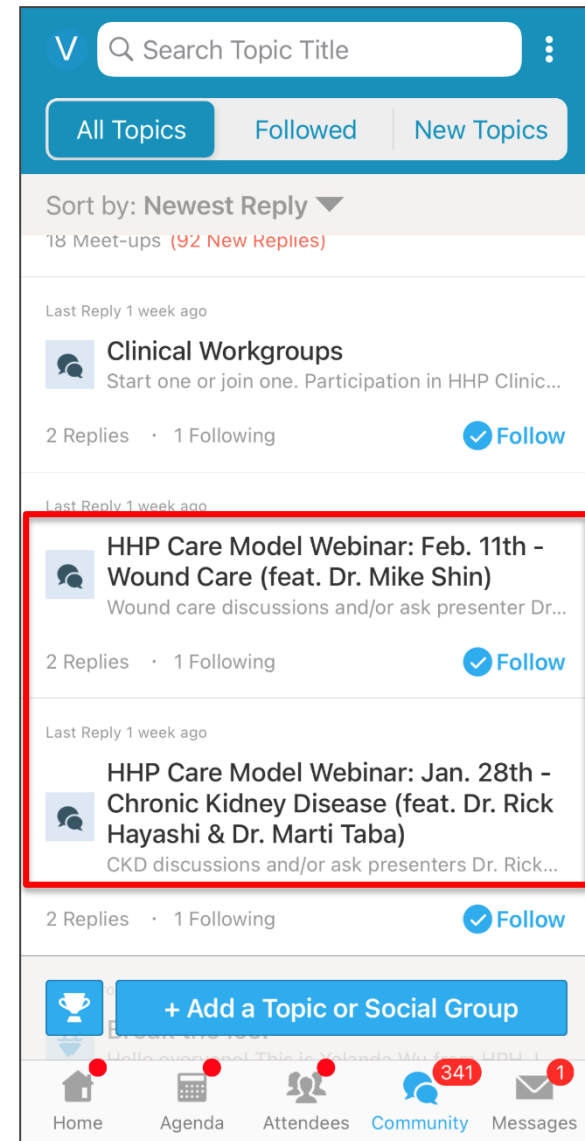


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**Dr. Carol Lai & Dr. Zachariah Rajive**

**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

**5:30pm – 6:30 pm**

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