

Coping with Ménière's Disease



Coping with Ménière's disease is not easy. Learn as much as you can about how to deal with attacks and how to help yourself between attacks.

Your daily life

The unpredictable and disruptive symptoms of Ménière's disease will probably mean having to make changes in your daily life. Keep these strategies in mind:

- **At work.** If symptoms interfere with your job, think about changes that would help. Then talk to your employer. If changes can't be made, ask whether moving to a better-suited position within the company is a choice. Ask your human resources office if you qualify for protection under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Or go to www.ada.gov for more information.
- **At home.** If your balance is unsteady, move sharp, breakable objects out of the way. Arrange stable, sturdy objects so that you can use them for support.
- **In the car.** If you have attacks that occur without warning, driving may be dangerous for you. Explore public or private transportation choices. Low-cost transportation is often available for those who need it.

Wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace and carry information about your condition in your wallet.

What to do during an attack



- Lie down on a firm surface in a darkened room.
- Stay as still as possible.
- Keep your eyes open. It may help to stare at a stationary object.
- Take any medicines that your healthcare provider has prescribed to use for an attack.
- Don't get up until the dizziness or spinning sensation passes. When you do get up, do so slowly.
- Find a comfortable place to rest or sleep for several hours while you regain your sense of balance.

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