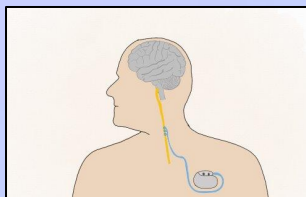


Vagal Nerve Stimulation

What is this useful for?

- Depression
- Epilepsy
- Fibromyalgia
- Migraines



Risks

VNS carries the same risks as any procedure involving a surgery, risks associated with an implanted device and the stimulation process:

- Vocal cord paralysis
- Pain or infection around the site of implantation
- Hardware malfunctions
- Weakness in the lower face

VNS as a treatment option?

Are there any other questions that you may want to ask a clinician to weigh in the pros and cons of VNS? What other clarifications could you seek for the risks mentioned above to make an informed decision?