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PT INFO

NAME: Chen, David L.
DOB: 08/12/1975 (49 yo Male)
MRN: DV-20240687
DOS: September 20, 2024
INS: Medicare 5YT-GH-4829A

CC:

Persistent right-sided facial pain s/p wisdom tooth extraction, non-responsive to meds

HPI:

49 M w/ chronic neuropathic facial pain involving R V2-V3 trigeminal distribution. Pain started June 2023 following complicated surgical extraction of impacted wisdom tooth (tooth #32). Describes sharp, burning, electric-shock like sensations along right cheek and jaw, constant baseline 6/10 with breakthrough to 9/10. Triggered by chewing, talking, and light touch to face. Pain has persisted for 15 months.

Initial workup by oral surgeon and dentist ruled out infection, dry socket, TMJ disorder. Diagnosed with traumatic trigeminal neuropathy.

TREATMENTS TRIED:

- Carbamazepine 200mg BID x 5 months (d/c'd due to dizziness, insufficient relief)
- Gabapentin titrated to 900mg TID x 6 months (minimal improvement)
- Amitriptyline 75mg qhs x 4 months (intolerable dry mouth)
- Trigeminal nerve blocks (mandibular & maxillary branches) performed 3 times (temporary relief only, lasting 2-3 weeks)
- Topical lidocaine (ineffective)

Pain significantly affects eating, speaking, and social interactions. Pt has lost 18 lbs due to difficulty chewing. Unable to work as

customer service rep (talking exacerbates pain).

PMH:

HTN (controlled), Type 2 DM (A1c 6.8%), Hyperlipidemia

MEDS:

Metformin 1000mg BID, Lisinopril 20mg daily, Atorvastatin 40mg qhs, Gabapentin 900mg TID

SH:

Non-smoker. Drinks alcohol socially (1-2 beers/month). Married, 2 adult children. Works in customer service - currently on medical leave. *Denies any drug use - confirmed*

PE:

VS: BP 132/84, HR 78, RR 14, Temp 98.1F, Wt 172 lbs

GEN: Alert, anxious appearing

HEAD: NC/AT. Allodynia noted over R V2-V3 distribution with light touch. No visible lesions. Dental exam shows healed extraction site.

NEURO: CN exam - CN V: Decreased sensation R V2-V3, hyperalgesia to pinprick. Motor function intact (mastication muscles). All other CNs intact. Motor 5/5 throughout. DTRs 2+ symmetric.

DIAGNOSTICS:

MRI Brain (07/15/2024): No intracranial pathology. Normal trigeminal nerves bilaterally. No tumor, vascular compression, or demyelination. Panoramic dental X-ray (08/02/2024): Post-extraction changes tooth #32, otherwise normal.

PSYCH EVAL:

Completed 9/5/2024 by Janet Rodriguez, LCSW. Pt demonstrates good insight and coping. BDI score 15 (mild depression related to chronic pain). No substance abuse - verified by urine drug screen. Cleared for neuromodulation trial. Realistic expectations discussed.

A&P:

DX: G50.1 - Atypical facial pain / Post-traumatic trigeminal neuropathy, right sided

This 49 yo male presents with chronic post-surgical trigeminal neuropathic pain of 15 months duration affecting right V2-V3 distribution. Conservative treatments including multiple medication

trials and nerve blocks have provided insufficient relief. Pain causes significant functional impairment.

Discussed peripheral nerve stimulation of right trigeminal nerve as treatment option. Explained trial procedure, risks (infection, lead migration, inadequate pain relief), benefits (potential for significant pain reduction), and alternatives. Pt voices understanding and wishes to proceed.

Consent obtained - see attached form

PLAN:

- Proceed with percutaneous trial of R trigeminal nerve (V2-V3 branches) stimulation
- Trial duration 5-7 days
- Pain diary to document response
- F/U in 1 week to assess trial results

PHYSICIAN RECOMMENDATION:

Request authorization for peripheral nerve stimulator trial placement, right trigeminal nerve.

CPT: 64555 (Percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode array; peripheral nerve)

Attending: Michael Chang, MD (Pain Medicine)

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Signature: *M. Chang MD* **Date:** 9/20/24

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