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The Interventional Pain Doctor's Collaborative Role in Diagnosis, Treatment, and Triage of Head & Neck Cancer Pain Patients

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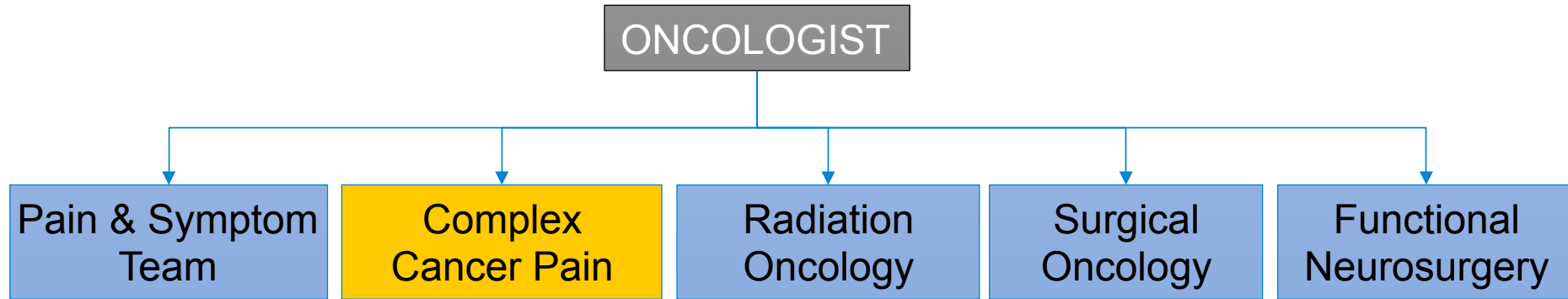


COMPREHENSIVE CARE

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Success Secrets

Multi-disciplinary clinic
Multi-disciplinary meetings 1. weekly 2. monthly
Easy Access 1. Nurse navigator 2. Shared number
Protocols for care pathways
Collegial and Collaborative

Pain Management Physician Located in the Cancer Clinic
Pain & Supportive Oncology weekly meeting Interventional Cancer Pain Board monthly
Easy Access 1. Cancer Pain Nurse Coordinator 2. Cancer Pain Line
i.e. Trigeminal Neuralgia
share cell #'s, support each other celebrate successful collaboration



Outline

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- I. Why consider other options (interventional)
- II. The first next step: the goals of care
- III. Example 1. Radiation fibrosis
- IV. Example II. Trigeminal neuralgia
- V. Example III. Cervical spondylosis
- VI. Summary



I. WHY CONSIDER OTHER OPTIONS? MALIGNANCY AND PAIN

- 25 % of those newly diagnosed
- 33 % of those undergoing active treatment
- 75 % of those with advanced disease
- Chronic pain in cancer survivors post-treatment is estimated at 75 %



II. THE FIRST NEXT STEP: CONSULTATION TO PAIN SPECIALIST

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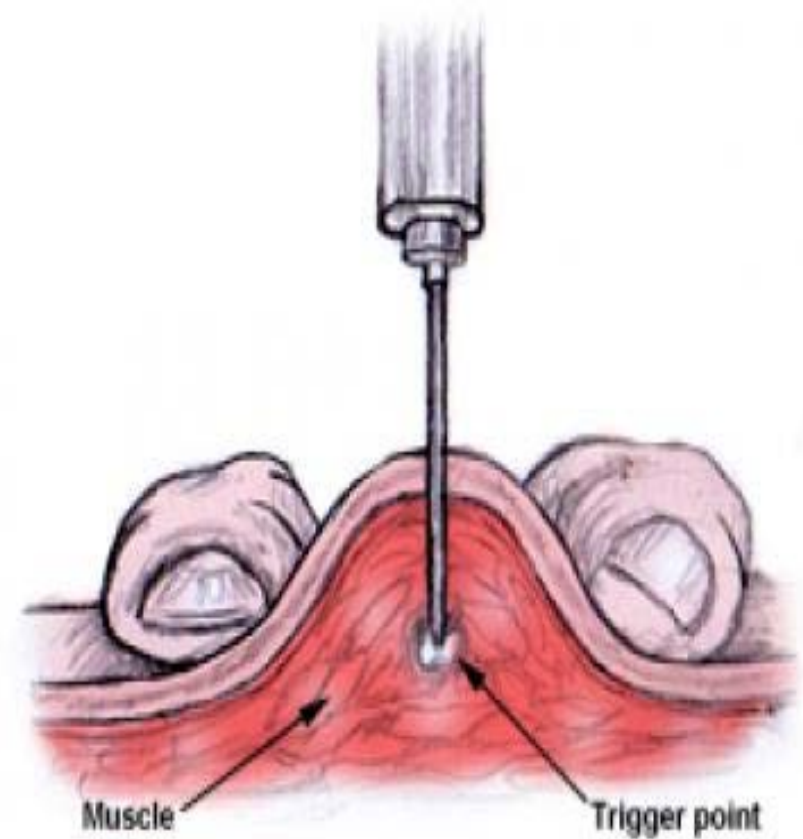
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1. To enable treatment
2. After treatment (NED), to improve QOL
 - painful sequelae of chemo/radtx/sx
3. Treatment is no longer an option
 - for palliative QOL goals



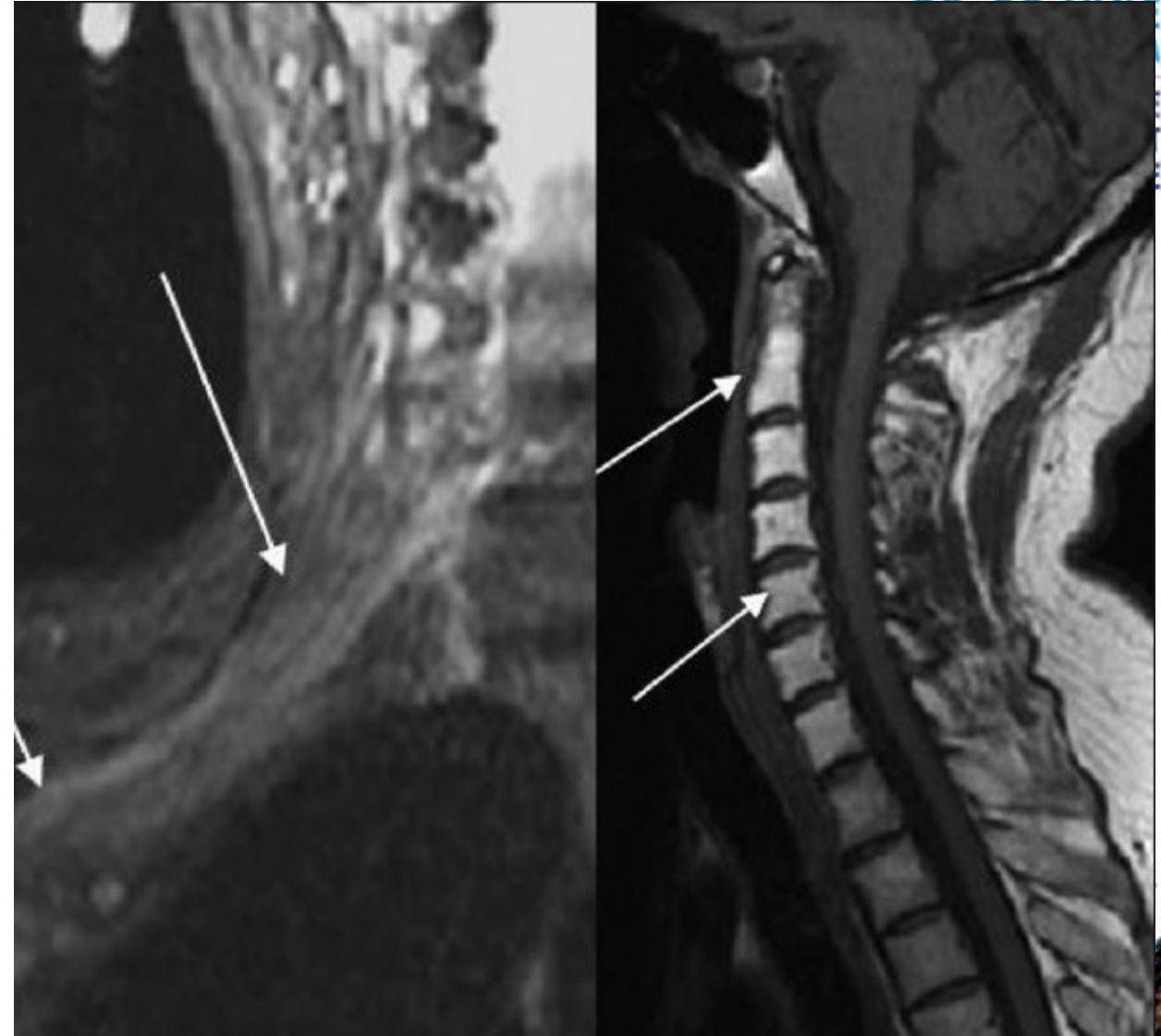
Type 1. Nociceptive Pain – pain that occurs when nociceptors are activated

- skeletal (arthritis, postoperative mechanical)
- muscle (myofascial – fibrosis)



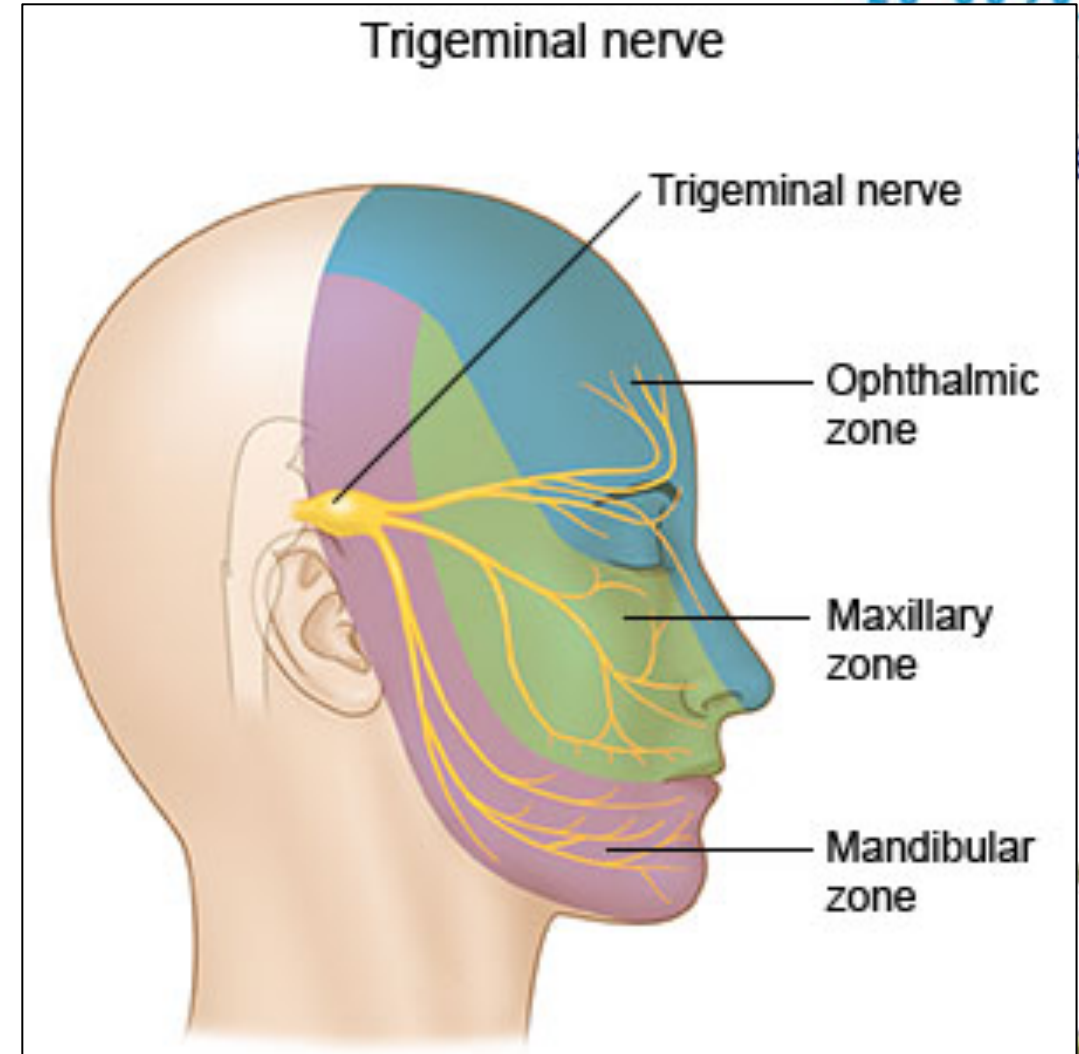
Type II. Inflammatory Pain – pain that occurs due to local inflammation

- local tumor invasion
- myositis
- joint inflammation (arthritis)
- postoperative wound
- post-treatment effects (radiation)



Type III. Neuropathic Pain – pain that occurs due to nerve injury

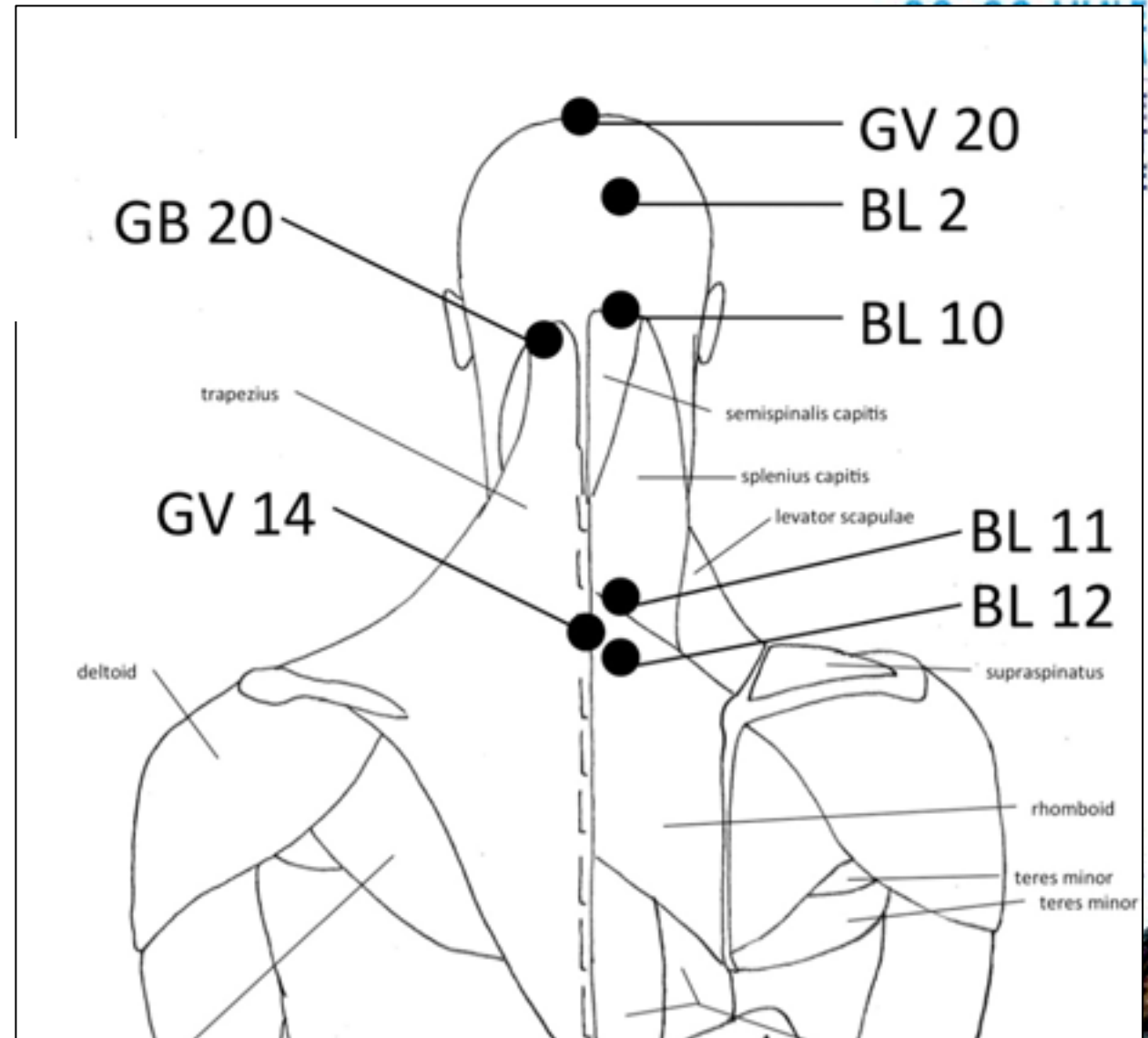
- diabetes
- radiation / chemo - neuritis



Myelo-radiculo-plexo-neuro-myopathy

Radiation induced:

- dystonia
- fibrosis
- neuritis

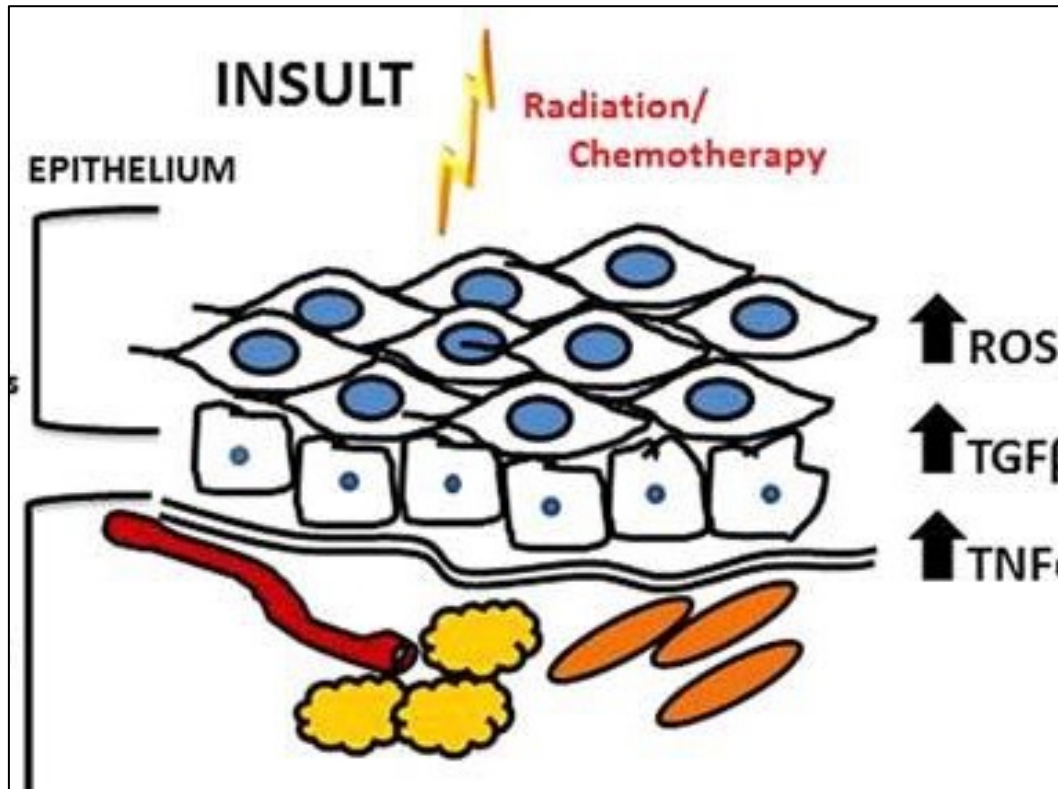


EXAMPLES 1: RADIATION FIBROSIS

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- triggers inflammation
- stimulates transdifferentiation of fibroblasts into myofibroblasts
- myofibroblasts produce excess collagen, extracellular matrix



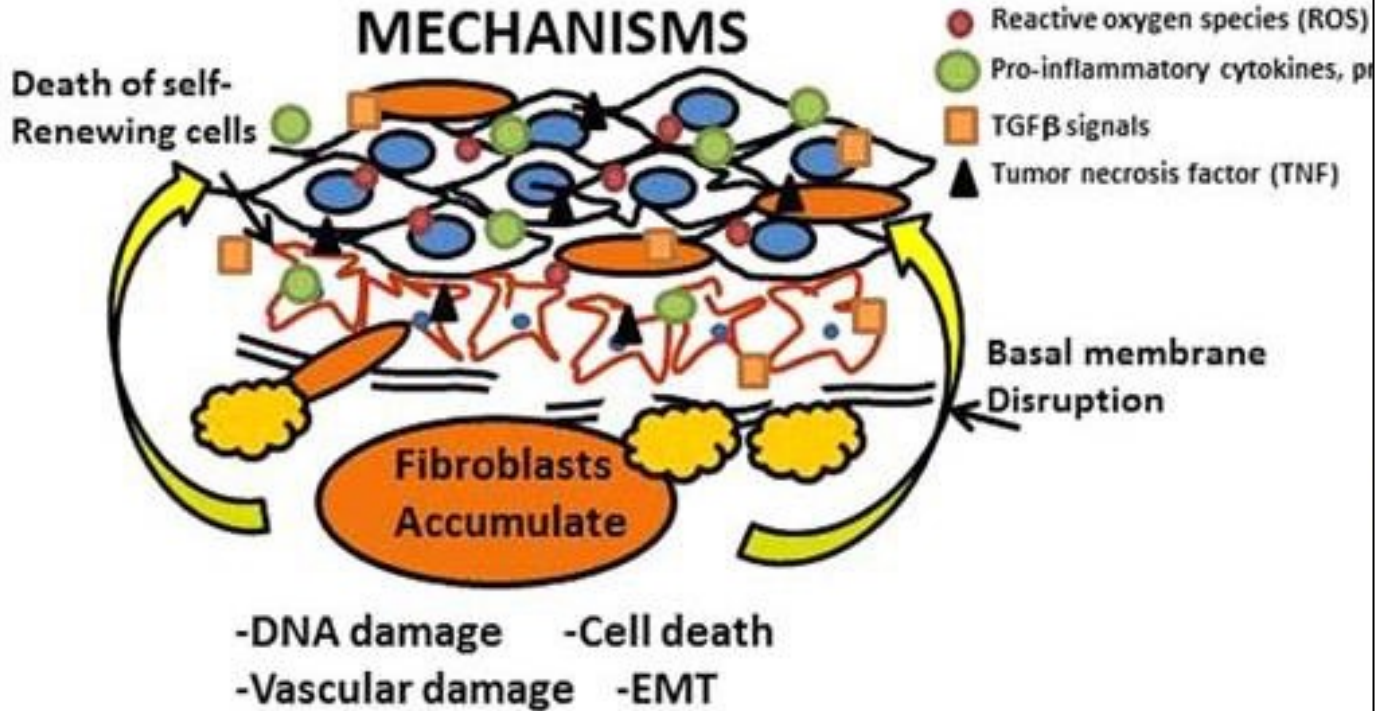
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INJURY RESPONSE MECHANISMS



Directly correlates with

- increased radiation dose
- hypofractionation (fewer fractions require greater doses)
- increased field size
- prolongation of therapy

Worsened with

- concurrent use of chemotherapy
- surgical management

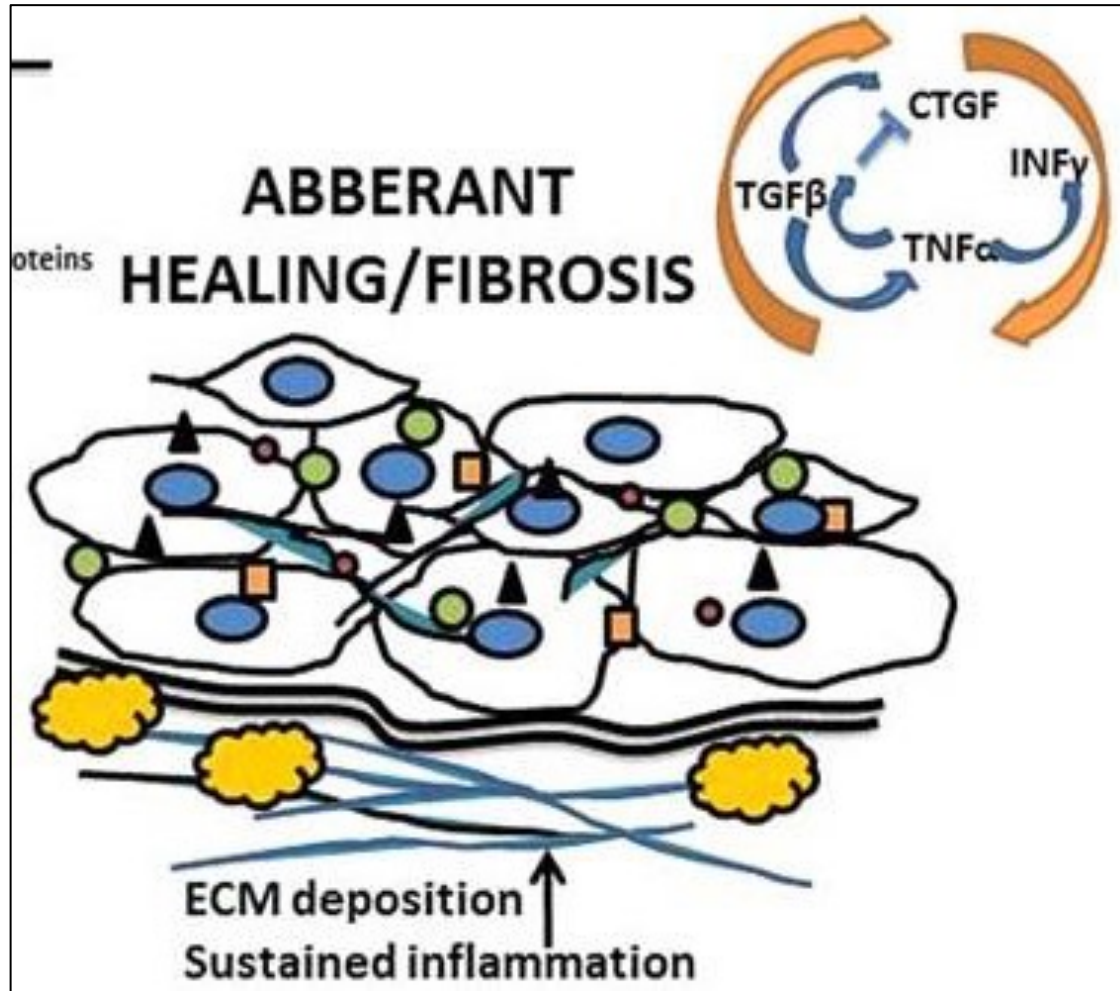


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Occurs 4–12 months after radiation therapy

- skin induration and thickening
- muscle shortening and atrophy
- limited joint mobility



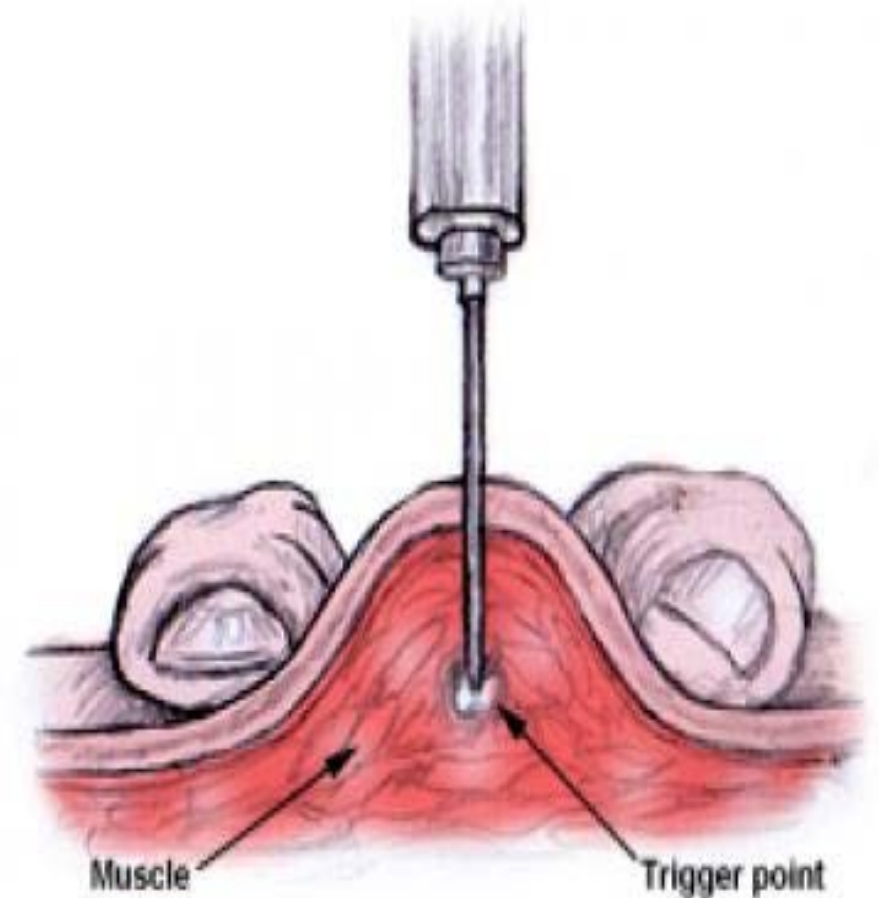
Interventional Pain Treatment + Physiotherapy

Physiotherapy

- reducing lymphedema
- preserve motion

Interventional

- trigger point injections
- botulinum toxin A injection
- radiofrequency lesion (RFL)



BOTULINUM TOXIN FOR NEUROPATHIC PAIN

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Level 1 evidence for targeted treatment of neuropathic pain

Subcutaneous Injection of Botulinum Toxin A Is Beneficial in Postherpetic Neuralgia ^{FREE}

Lizu Xiao, MD ✉, Sean Mackey, MD, PhD, Hui Hui, PhD, Donglin Xong, MD, Qian Zhang, MD, Deren Zhang, MD

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Debra K Fischhoff & Silvia Spivakovsky

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Review

Intervention

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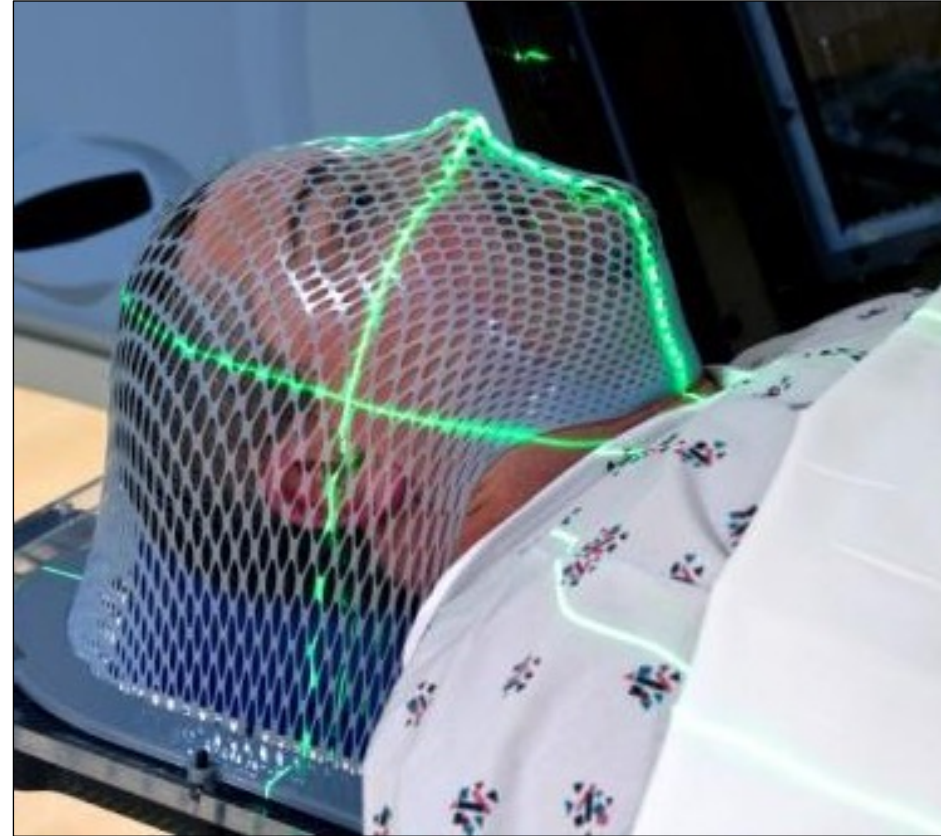
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Patient with cTxN2cMo Tonsil SCCa

- combined chemoIMRT approach
- 6 months later – no evidence of disease (2014)

Just severe PAIN



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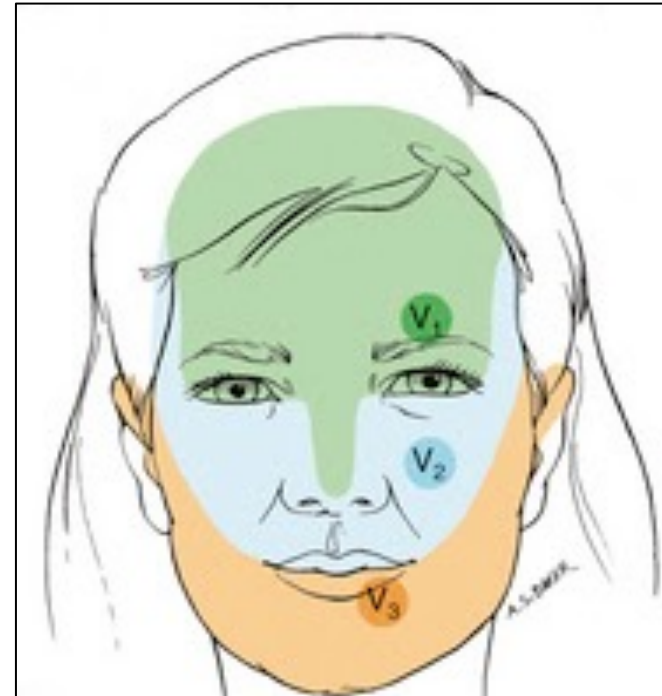
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Oncologist
medical management

Pain Specialist
diagnostic block
treatment blocks

Neurosurgeon
2nd, 3rd order neuron treatment



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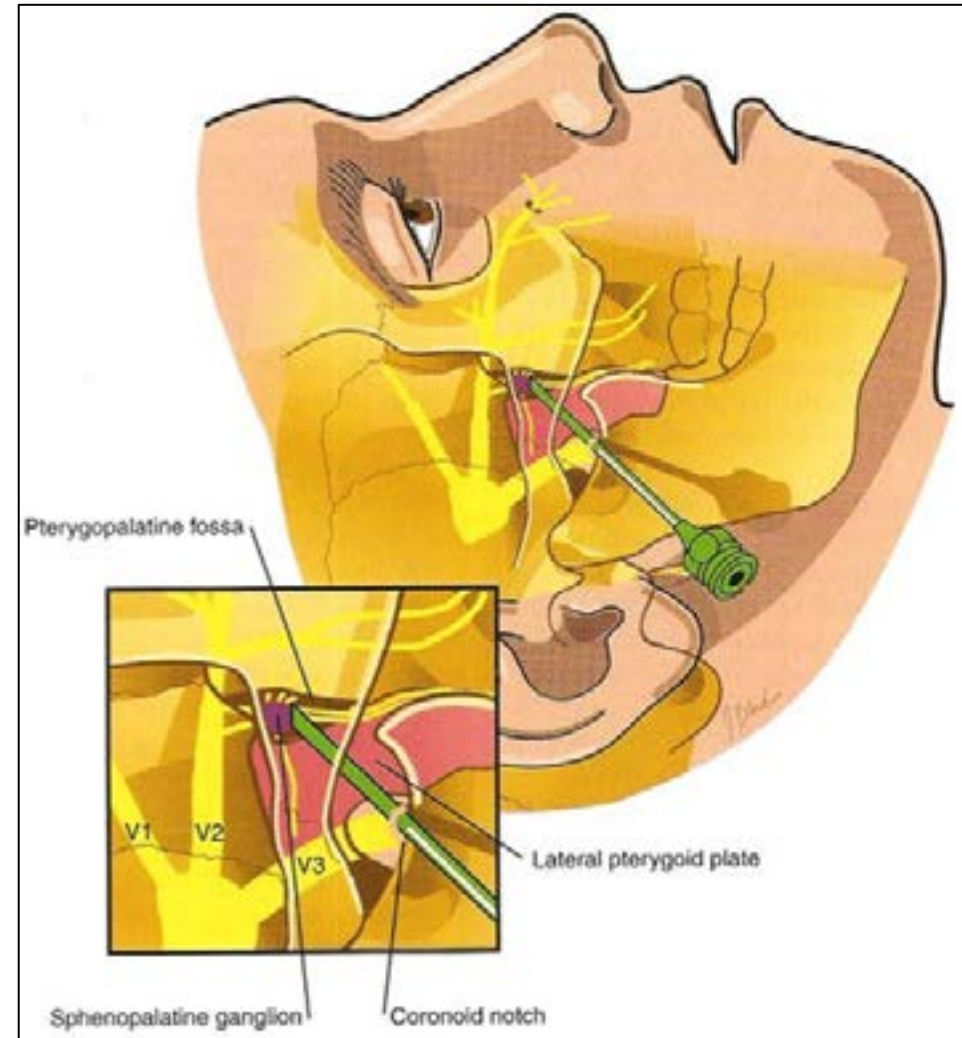
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25 patients with **refractory trigeminal neuralgia**

1. **fluoroscopic guided block** with local anesthetic and steroid for diagnostic and therapeutic benefit
2. if durable benefit obtained, ongoing conservative treatment was continued on an as-needed basis



3. Only short-term benefit (<1 week)?
 - referral made to functional neurosurgery (NS)
 - radiofrequency ablation (RFA)
 - balloon neurolysis
 - stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS)

4. Malignancy precluding these approaches?
 - neurosurgery:
 - brainstem ligation of the trigeminal nerve



25 patients with **severe refractory** trigeminal neuralgia

Triage	Number of patients
Patient decided not to have treatment	2
No relief from block (no further treatment)	4
Long term relief with block	12
Short term relief with block (further triaged)	4
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Recently treated (no follow up yet)	3
TOTAL	25

16/20 treated – durable pain relief

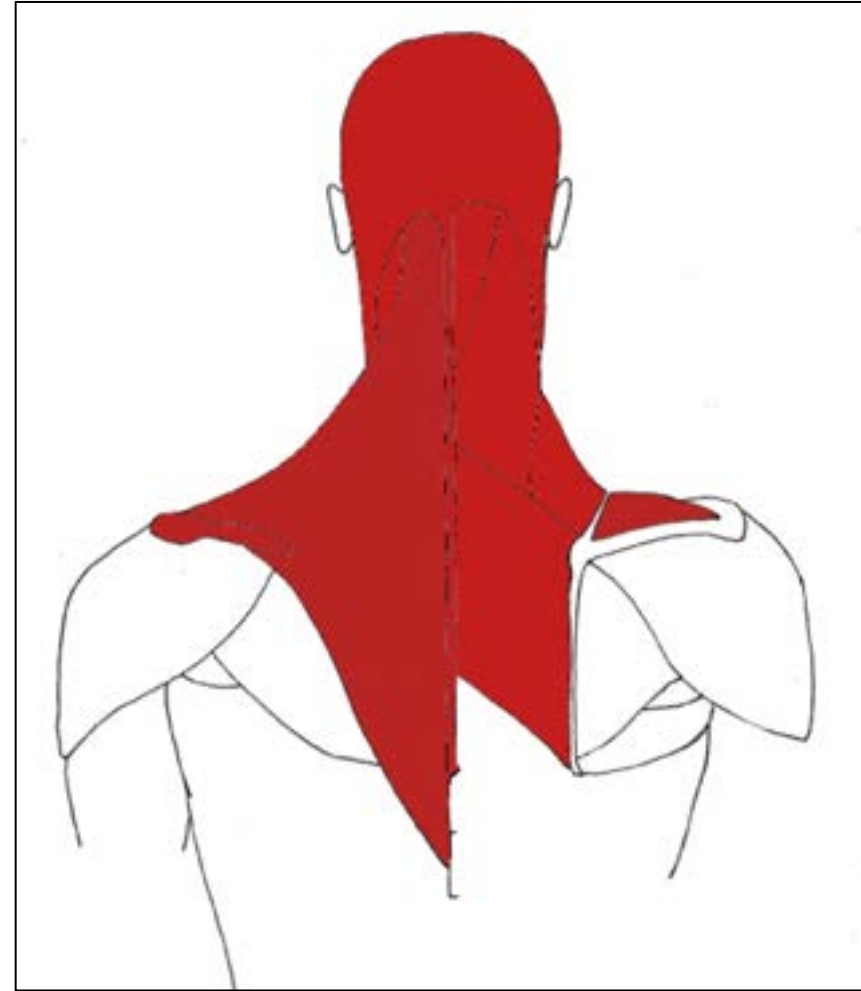
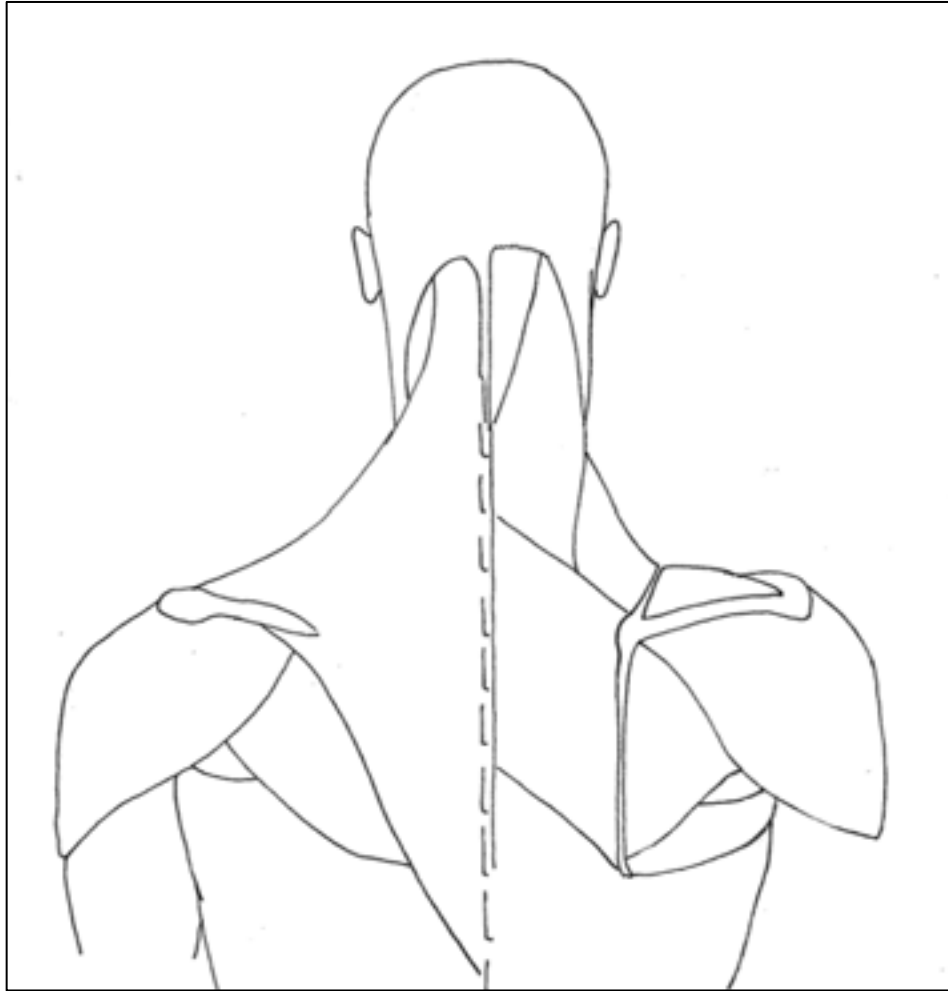
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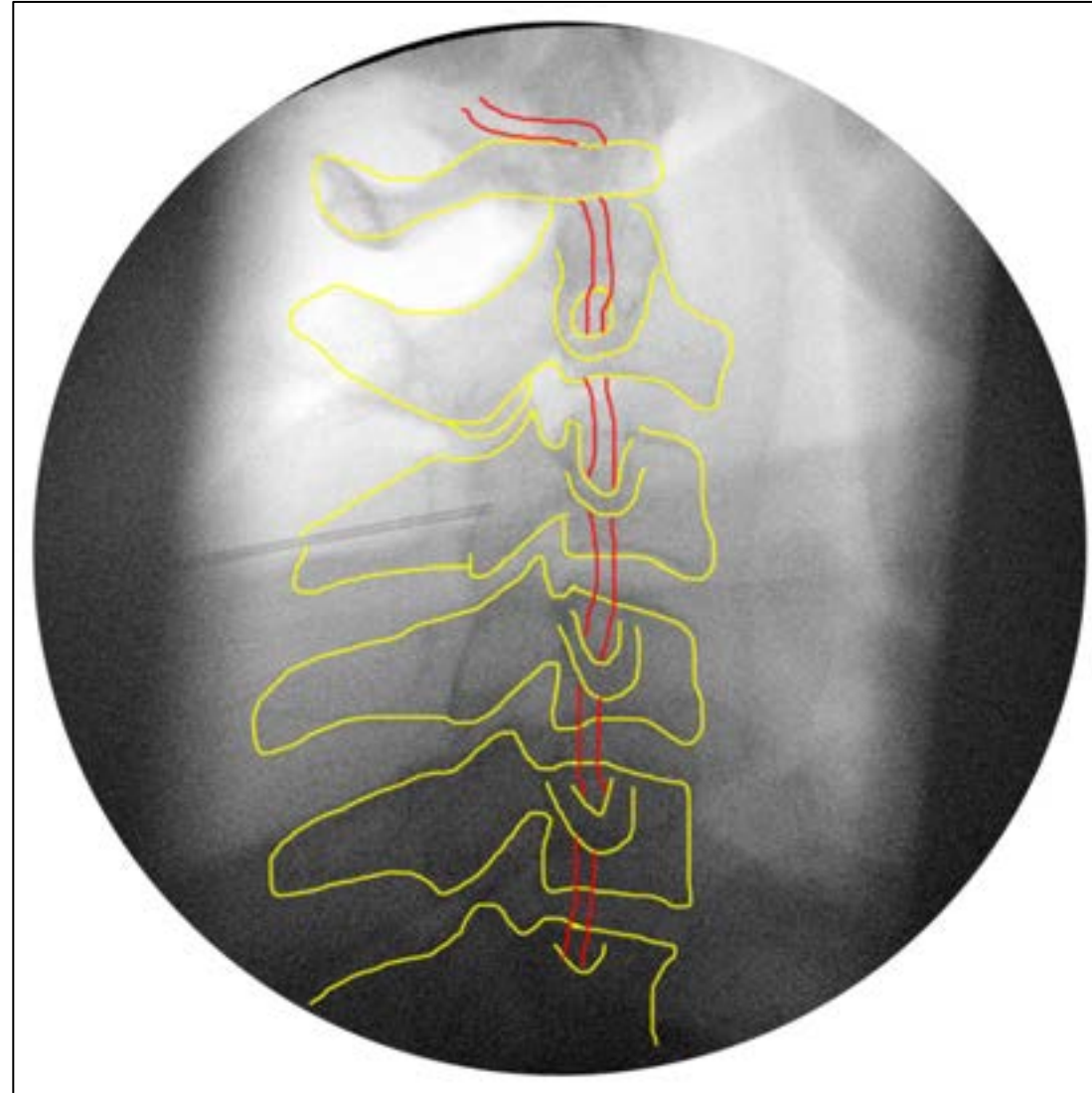
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Arthritis of the neck (spondylosis)



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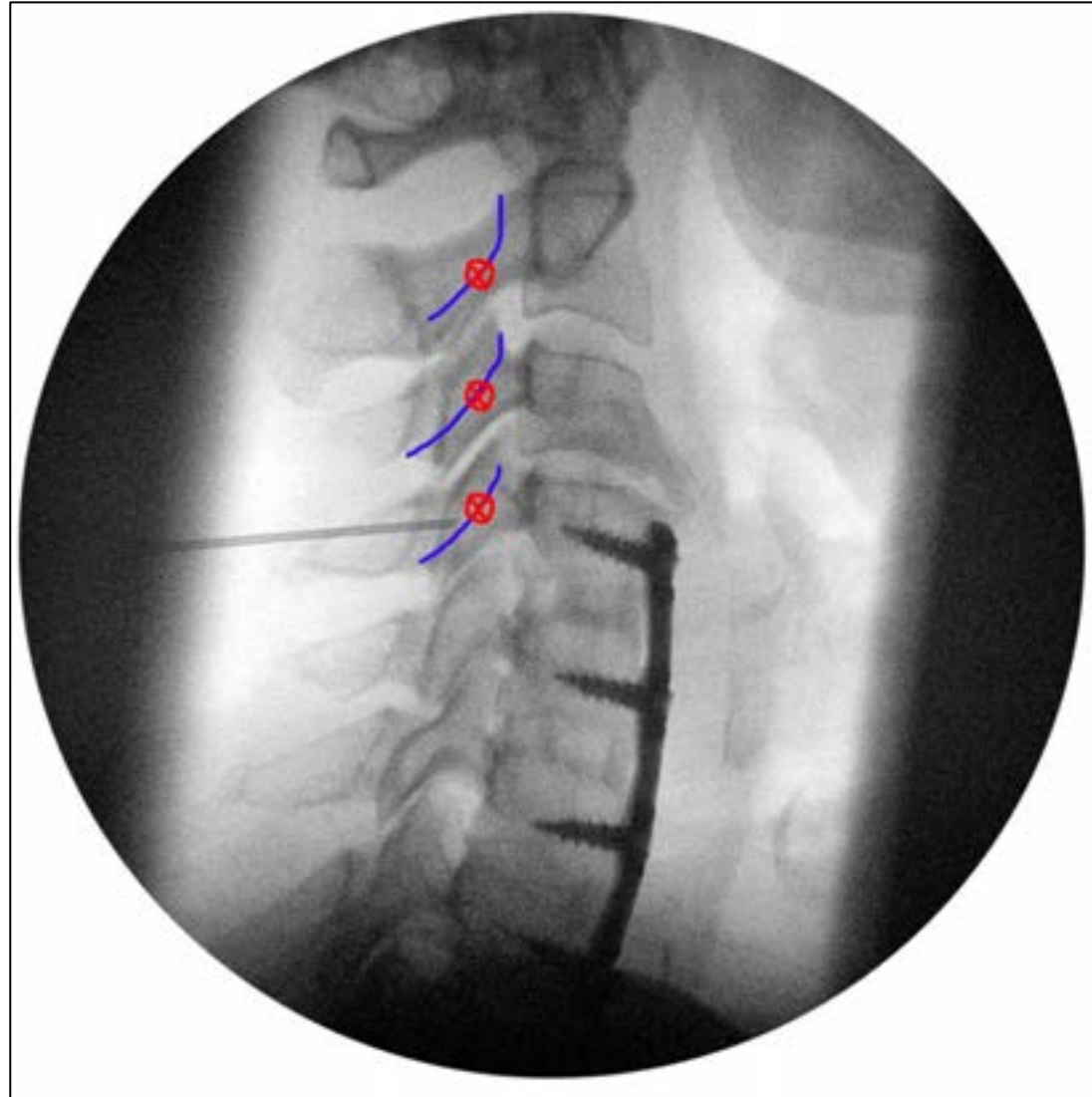
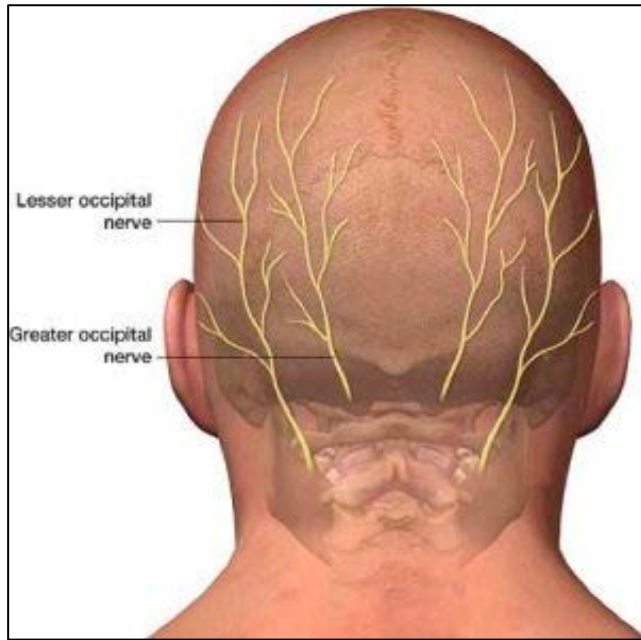
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Arthritis of the neck (spondylosis)

Occipital neuralgia (C2, C3)



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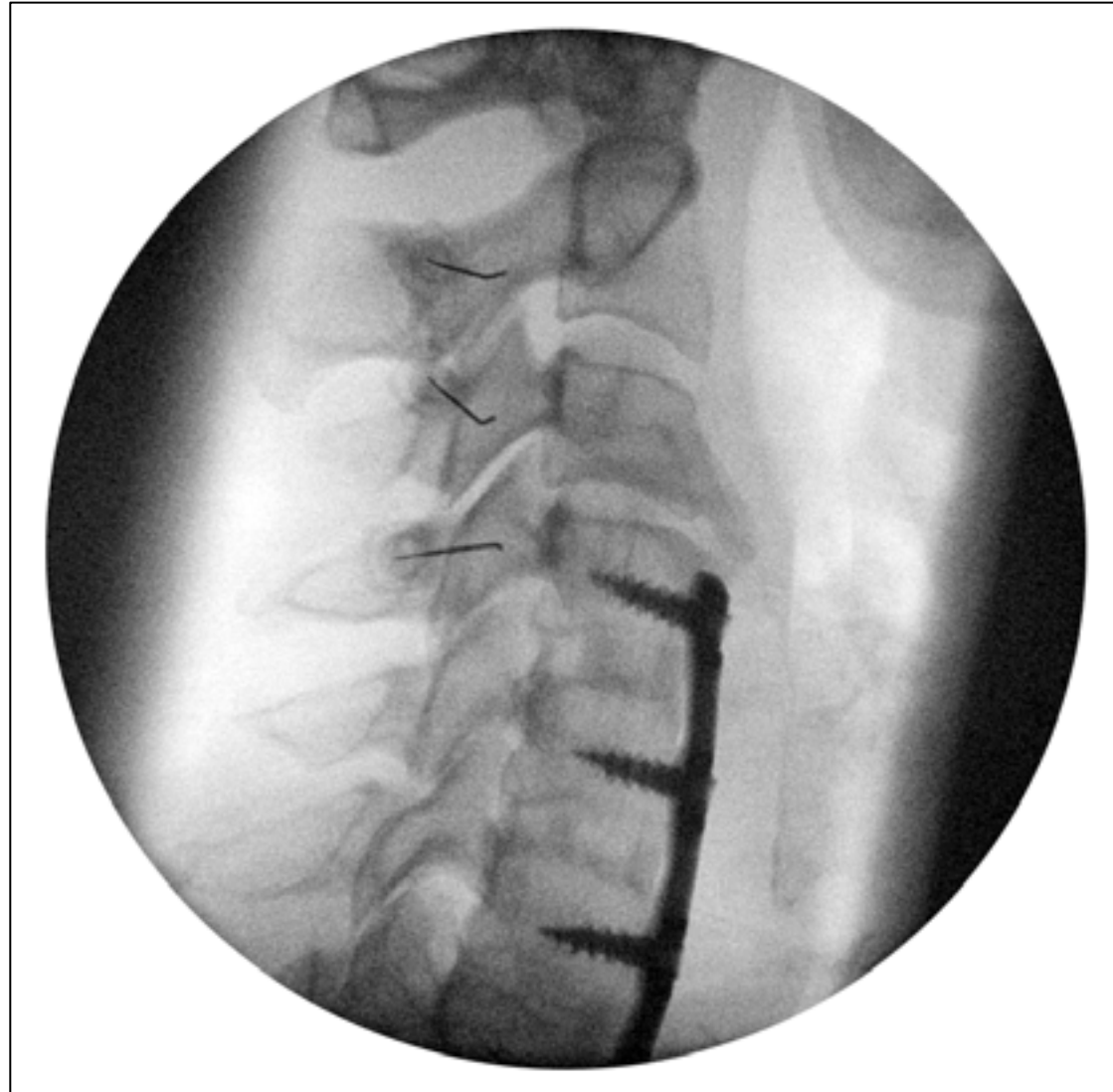
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Arthritis of the neck (spondylosis)

Occipital neuralgia (C2, C3)

Step 1: diagnostic block

Step 2: treatment (steroid, or
radiofrequency ablation)



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SUMMARY

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- There is little evidence-based literature for interventional pain in oncology
- Traditional treatments for head and neck pain are applied in the same manner to oncology patients
- Interventional options can play a role in:
 1. Enabling cancer treatment
 2. Improving QOL in cancer survivors
 3. Palliating persistent severe pain in dying patients



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