

Migraine Health System Toolkit

A Patient-Centric Approach to Migraine Care

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Migraine poses a significant burden on patients and health systems

It is estimated that
40 million people
in the US suffer from
migraine¹

Prioritizing migraine management with practical enhancements for primary care

Migraine is an often misdiagnosed, underdiagnosed, and undertreated chronic condition.²⁻⁴ Primary care providers (PCPs) need better-informed tools for optimal disease management.

In order to improve migraine management across health systems, consider adopting a standardized workflow that includes engagement materials for both health care professionals (HCPs) and patients across the migraine pathway.



1 in 6 Americans between the ages of **15 and 64 years** have experienced migraine or severe headache in the **last 3 months⁵**



Migraine is one of the **leading causes of disability** worldwide among people aged **<50 years⁶**

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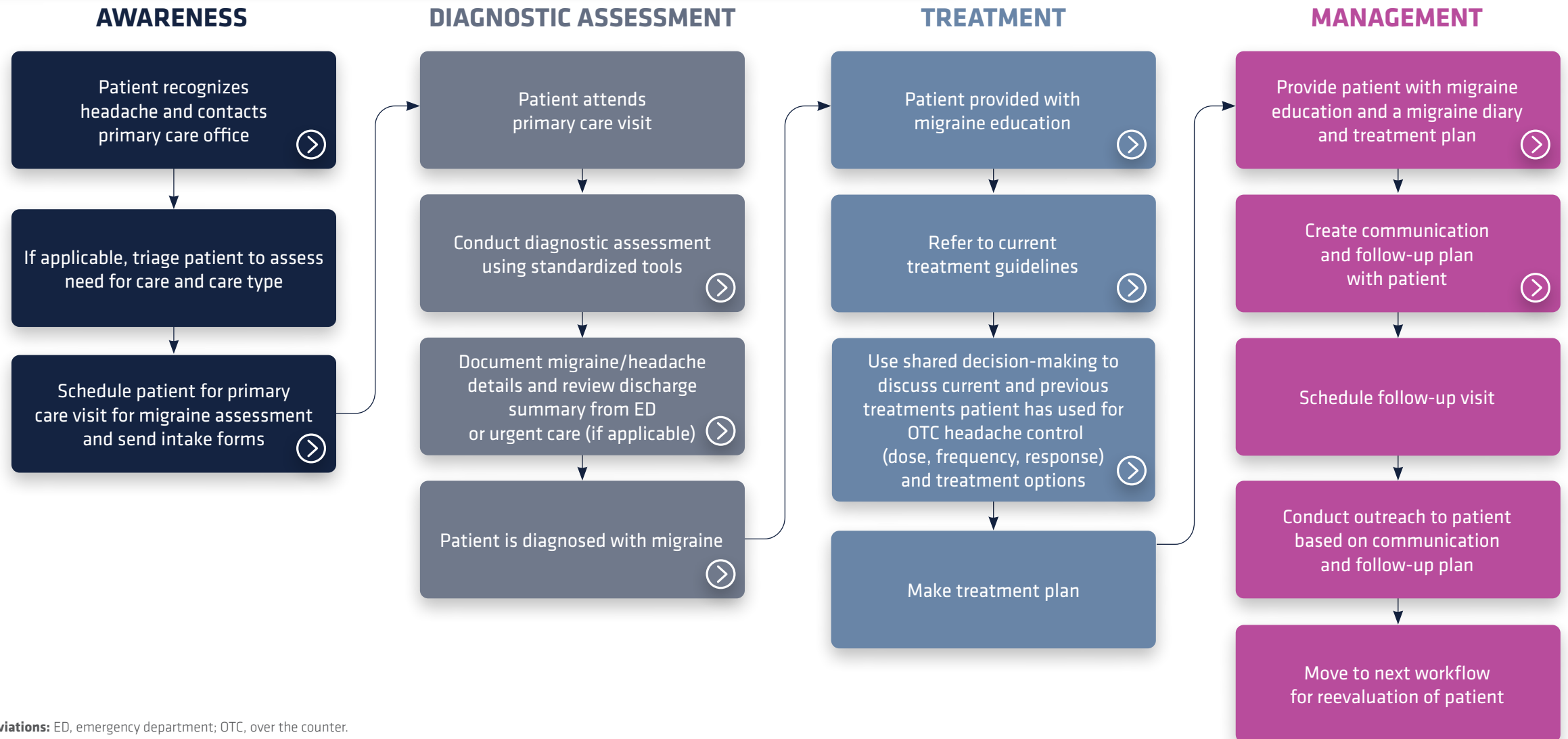


An educational video with 4 modules that provides patients with an overview of migraine and its symptoms and treatment/management options, as well as the importance of tracking their experience and working with their HCP to develop a treatment plan that's right for them.

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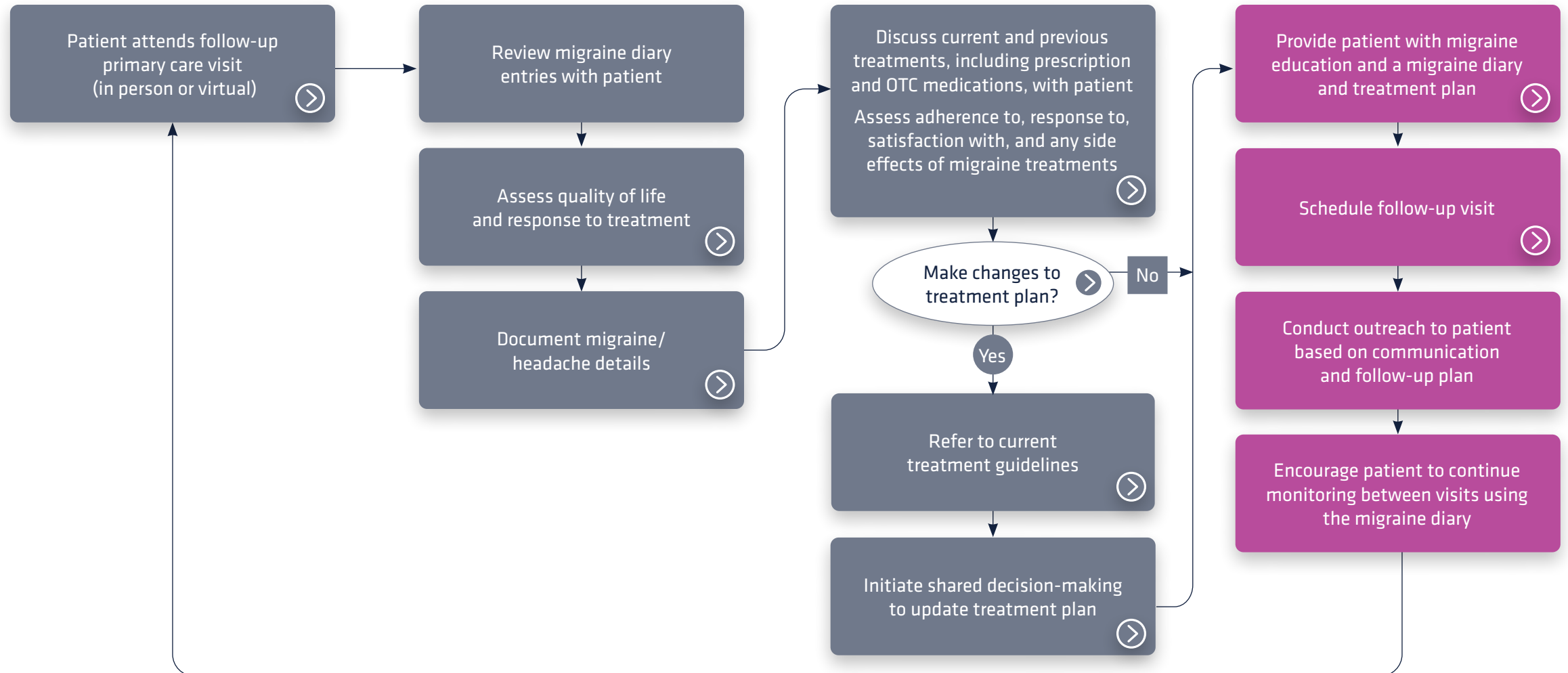
An example pathway for the assessment of headache and diagnosis of migraine in primary care



Abbreviations: ED, emergency department; OTC, over the counter.

An example pathway for the reassessment and management of migraine in primary care

REASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT



Migraine Management Plan

This patient support guide provides patients with an overview of migraine. It includes information on the diagnosis and treatment of migraine and a migraine diary and treatment plan to help patients track their experience.

This resource can be shared with patients digitally via the patient portal or printed and shared during an in-person visit.

Access the Migraine Management Plan:



www.pfi.sr/migraineptmgtplan



Migraine Management Plan

This patient support guide provides information on how migraines are diagnosed and treated. It also includes a migraine diary and treatment plan to help manage your condition. It's important to work with your health care provider (HCP) to develop a treatment plan to **help minimize your migraine symptoms so you can maximize your life.**

Understanding Migraine

The Difference Between Headaches and Migraines
Migraines are very different from a headache. A **headache** is pain or an ache in your head.¹ **Migraine attacks** can cause severe throbbing pain or a pulsing sensation and can include other symptoms like extreme sensitivity to light and sound, nausea (feeling like you are going to be sick), and vomiting, in addition to head pain.²

Diagnosing Migraine

Migraine diagnosis will depend on your HCP reviewing your personal and medical history, migraine symptoms, and conducting a physical examination to rule out other causes for the headaches.²

Your HCP may ask the following questions³:

1. Has a **headache** limited your activities for **a day or more** in the last 3 months?
2. Are you **nauseated or sick to your stomach** when you have a **headache**?
3. Does **light bother** you when you have a **headache**?

*The ID Migraine™ Screener can help identify undiagnosed patients who report having headaches.

Migraine attacks can be severe and often include other symptoms in addition to head pain.² It's important to share information about your migraine symptoms with your HCP.



Migraine Patient Education Video

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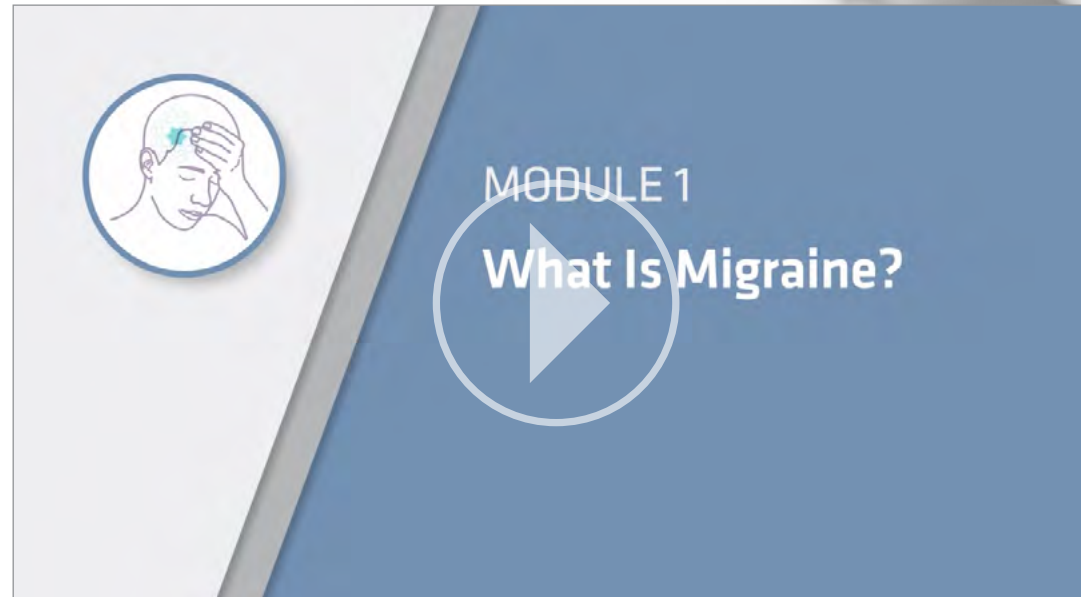
It includes 4 modules:

- **What Is Migraine?**
- **Understanding and Tracking Migraine Symptoms**
- **Managing and Tracking Your Migraine**
- **The Importance of Staying Connected**

Access the Migraine Patient Education Video:



www.pfi.sr/migraineptvideo



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Appendix

The following pages provide additional information to support the example pathways for the management of migraine in primary care.



AWARENESS

Patient recognizes headache and contacts primary care office

Consider other routes for a primary care visit for migraine assessment, such as:

- Follow-up from wellness visit
- Referral from ED, urgent care clinic, or OB/GYN

Abbreviations: ED, emergency department; OB/GYN, obstetrics/gynecology.



AWARENESS

Schedule patient for primary care visit for migraine assessment and send intake forms

Consider documenting the following at intake:

- Number of migraine/headache days per month
- Migraine symptoms/headache severity
- Missed days of work/school
- Impairment of daily activities

Flag if patient was previously seen in urgent care or the ED.

Abbreviation: ED, emergency department.

Conduct diagnostic assessment using standardized tools



ID Migraine

IHS Diagnostic Classification Criteria

Criteria for Secondary Headache Red Flags (SNOOP4)

Screeners for Migraine in Patients Complaining of Headache: ID Migraine™⁷

To help identify undiagnosed patients who report having headaches, ask the following questions:

1. Has a headache limited your activities for a day or more in the last 3 months?
2. Are you nauseated or sick to your stomach when you have a headache?
3. Does light bother you when you have a headache?

If the patient answered “yes” to 2 or more of these questions, they may be suffering from migraine.

Two out of 3 symptoms: 93% positive predictive value*

Abbreviation: IHS, International Headache Society.

*A total of 563 patients presenting for routine primary care appointments and reporting headaches in the past 3 months completed a self-administered migraine screener. The 3-item ID Migraine Screener was found to have a sensitivity of 0.81 (95% CI, 0.77-0.85), specificity of 0.75 (95% CI, 0.64-0.84), and positive predictive value of 0.93 (95% CI, 89.9-95.8).

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International Headache Society Diagnostic Classification Criteria⁸

Migraine with aura

- A. At least 2 attacks fulfilling criteria B and C**
- B. At least 1 of the following fully reversible aura symptoms:**
 - 1. Visual
 - 2. Sensory
 - 3. Speech and/or language
 - 4. Motor
 - 5. Brainstem
 - 6. Retinal
- C. At least 3 of the following 6 characteristics:**
 - 1. At least 1 aura symptom spreads gradually over ≥ 5 minutes
 - 2. Two or more aura symptoms occur in succession
 - 3. Each individual aura symptom lasts 5–60 minutes
 - 4. At least 1 aura symptom is unilateral
 - 5. At least 1 aura symptom is positive
 - 6. The aura is accompanied, or followed within 60 minutes, by headache
- D. Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis**

Migraine without aura

- A. At least 5 attacks fulfilling criteria B–D**
- B. Headache attacks lasting 4–72 hours (when untreated or unsuccessfully treated)**
- C. Headache has at least 2 of the following 4 characteristics:**
 - 1. Unilateral location
 - 2. Pulsating quality
 - 3. Moderate or severe pain intensity
 - 4. Aggravation by or causing avoidance of routine physical activity (eg, walking or climbing stairs)
- D. During headache at least 1 of the following:**
 - 1. Nausea and/or vomiting
 - 2. Photophobia and phonophobia
- E. Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis**

Chronic migraine

- A. Headache (migraine-like or tension-type-like) on ≥ 15 days/month for >3 months, and fulfilling criteria B and C**
- B. Occurring in a patient who has had at least 5 attacks fulfilling criteria B–D for “Migraine without aura” and/or criteria B and C for “Migraine with aura”**
- C. On ≥ 8 days/month for >3 months, fulfilling any of the following:**
 - 1. Criteria C and D for “Migraine without aura”
 - 2. Criteria B and C for “Migraine with aura”
 - 3. Believed by the patient to be migraine at onset and relieved by a triptan or ergot derivative
- D. Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis**

Consider workup (eg, CBC, ESR, thyroid function tests) to rule out other conditions.

Conduct diagnostic assessment using standardized tools



ID Migraine

IHS Diagnostic Classification Criteria

Criteria for Secondary Headache Red Flags (SNOOP4)

Criteria for Secondary Headache Red Flags (SNOOP4)^{9,10}

The following criteria are red flags to consider for referral to neurology or to rule out serious underlying conditions that may not be a migraine and may warrant further investigation:

- **Systemic Symptoms/Signs/Disease**
(fever, chills, rash, night sweats, myalgias, weight loss, HIV, immunocompromised state, malignancy, pregnancy or postpartum)
- **Neurologic Symptoms/Signs**
(altered mental status or level of consciousness, diplopia, abnormal cranial nerve function, pulsatile tinnitus, loss of sensation, weakness, ataxia, history of seizure/collapse/loss of consciousness)
- **Onset Sudden, Abrupt**
(onset sudden or first ever, severe or “worst” headache of life, thunder clap headache [pain reaches maximal intensity instantly after onset])
- **Older Age of Onset, Especially >50 Years**
- **Pattern Change**
(progressive headache [eg, to daily, continuous pattern], precipitated by Valsalva maneuver, postural aggravation, papilledema)

Consider structural pathologies, vascular disorders, and infectious and inflammatory conditions when evaluating secondary headache syndromes.



DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

Document migraine/headache details and review discharge summary from ED or urgent care (if applicable)

Consider documenting the following at intake:

- Number of migraine/headache days per month
- Migraine symptoms/headache severity
- Missed days of work/school
- Impairment of daily activities

Flag if patient was previously seen in urgent care or the ED.

Abbreviation: ED, emergency department.



DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

Patient is diagnosed with migraine

Consider need for further evaluation (neurology/imaging/other evaluation) for atypical cases (eg, Criteria for Secondary Headache Red Flags [SNOOP4]).

Official diagnosis may occur during the follow-up appointment:

- after receipt of labs to rule out other potential underlying reasons for severe headaches and/or
- after further evaluation for atypical cases requiring neurology/imaging/other evaluation

Refer to current treatment guidelines



2021 AHS Acute Guidelines

2021 AHS Preventive Guidelines

The American Headache Society (AHS) recommends that all patients who are with migraine should be offered acute treatment

The AHS Consensus Statement outlines goals and recommendations for integrating acute treatments into clinical practice¹¹

GOALS

- Rapid and consistent freedom from pain without recurrence
- Restored ability to function
- Minimal need for repeat dosing or rescue medications
- Optimal self-care and reduced subsequent use of resources
- Minimal or no adverse events
- Cost considerations

RECOMMENDATIONS

All patients with a confirmed diagnosis of migraine should be offered acute pharmacologic and/or nonpharmacologic treatment

Pharmacologic Treatment:

1. Mild/moderate attacks

- NSAIDs, nonopioid analgesics, acetaminophen, or caffeinated analgesic combinations

2. For migraine attacks of greater severity

- [Reference the AHS guidelines on acute pharmacologic migraine treatment](#)

Nonpharmacologic Treatment:

A number of **nonpharmacologic** options may be used alone or as an adjunct to medication in the acute treatment of migraine.

Abbreviation: NSAIDs, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

Refer to current treatment guidelines



2021 AHS Acute Guidelines

2021 AHS Preventive Guidelines

The American Headache Society (AHS) recommends that patients who are significantly impacted by migraines should be considered for preventive therapy

The AHS Consensus Statement outlines goals and recommendations for integrating preventive treatments into clinical practice¹¹

GOALS	RECOMMENDATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce attack frequency, severity, duration, and disability • Improve responsiveness to and avoid escalation in use of acute treatment • Improve function and reduce disability • Reduce reliance on suboptimal acute treatments • Reduce overall cost of migraine treatment • Enable patients to manage their own disease • Improve HRQOL • Reduce headache-related psychological symptoms <p>Abbreviation: HRQOL, health-related quality of life.</p>	<p>Patients should be considered for preventive therapy in any of the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks significantly interfere with patients' daily routines despite acute treatment • Frequent attacks • Patient experiences 4 or 5 headache days per month with no disability, 3 headache days per month with some disability, or 2 headache days per month with severe disability • Contraindication to, failure of, or overuse of acute treatments • Adverse events with acute treatments • Patient preference <p>Nonpharmacologic approaches to preventive treatment may be used alone or in combination with pharmacologic treatment.</p>

Use shared decision-making to discuss current and previous treatments



SHARE

AHS Acute Therapy

AHS Preventive Therapy

Initiate shared decision-making to finalize treatment plan

Consider the AHRQ 5-step process for shared decision-making to ensure patients are engaged in their treatment plan¹²:

- S**eek your patient's participation.
- H**elp your patient explore and compare treatment options.
- A**ssess your patient's values and preferences.
- R**each a decision with your patient.
- E**valuate your patient's decision.

Abbreviation: AHRQ, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Use shared decision-making to discuss current and previous treatments



SHARE

AHS Acute Therapy

AHS Preventive Therapy

AHS select recommendations for acute therapy

Acute therapy: Intended to reduce pain, associated symptoms, and disability associated with attacks¹³

Patients: All patients with a confirmed diagnosis of migraine should be offered acute pharmacologic and/or nonpharmacologic treatment¹¹

ACUTE THERAPY GOALS ¹¹	DRUGS USED IN THE ACUTE TREATMENT OF MIGRAINE ^{11*}
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid and consistent freedom from pain without recurrence • Restored ability to function • Minimal need for repeat dosing or rescue medications • Optimal self-care and reduced subsequent use of resources • Minimal or no adverse events • Cost considerations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antiemetics • Ditans • Ergotamine/ergotamine derivatives • Gepants • Nonopioid analgesics • Triptans

When developing a treatment plan for patients with migraine, review the following:

- Reconciled patient medication list
- Adherence to, response to, satisfaction with, and tolerance of prescribed migraine treatments (if applicable)
- Patient use of OTC products (screen for potential medication-overuse headache)

Abbreviation: OTC, over the counter.

*Approved indications of the products listed may or may not specifically include treatment of migraine. Lists are nonexhaustive and are not intended to imply any clinical comparison among the products or classes mentioned. Products or classes should not be compared in the absence of head-to-head trials. For information regarding a specific product, please consult its Prescribing Information.

Use shared decision-making to discuss current and previous treatments



SHARE

AHS Acute Therapy

AHS Preventive Therapy

AHS select recommendations for preventive therapy

Preventive therapy: Intended to **reduce the severity and frequency** of migraine attacks¹³

RECOMMENDATIONS ¹¹	SELECT PREVENTIVE THERAPY GOALS ¹¹	DRUGS USED IN THE PREVENTIVE TREATMENT OF MIGRAINE ^{11,14*}
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Abbreviations: CGRP, calcitonin gene-related peptide; HRQOL, health-related quality of life; NMDA, N-methyl-D-aspartate; OTC, over the counter.

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MANAGEMENT

Provide patient with migraine education and a migraine diary and treatment plan Patient education resources:

Migraine Management Plan

This patient support guide provides information on how migraines are diagnosed and treated. It also includes a migraine diary and treatment plan to help manage your condition. It's important to work with your health care provider (HCP) to develop a treatment plan to help minimize your migraine symptoms so you can maximize your life.

Understanding Migraine

The Difference Between Headaches and Migraines

Migraine pain is different from headache pain. A headache is pain in an area of your head. Migraine attacks can have several warning signs or prodromal symptoms and can include other symptoms like nausea, vomiting, light and sound sensitivity, and more. Some people may experience the prodromal symptoms before a migraine attack.

Diagnosing Migraine

Helpful information for patients on how to get a diagnosis. It includes information on how to prepare for a doctor's visit, what to expect during the visit, and how to work with your doctor to develop a treatment plan.

Your HCP may ask the following questions:

- How often do you get migraines? (e.g., how many times a month?)
- How long do they last? (e.g., how many hours or days?)
- How do you feel before, during, and after a migraine? (e.g., do you feel nauseous, vomit, or have trouble seeing or hearing?)
- How do you feel between migraines? (e.g., do you feel tired, irritable, or have trouble concentrating?)
- How do you feel after a migraine? (e.g., do you feel exhausted, have trouble seeing or hearing, or have trouble concentrating?)

Migraine attacks can be severe and often include other symptoms, in addition to head pain. It's important to share information about your migraine symptoms with your HCP.

Migraine Management Plan
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My Migraine Diary

Tracking Your Migraines

Record the details of your migraines each time they happen. Use the diary to track your migraine frequency and how long you experience your migraines.

Month	Year	Number of migraines	Frequency	Duration	Severity	Location	Characteristics
Jan	2024						
Feb	2024						
Mar	2024						
Apr	2024						
May	2024						
Jun	2024						
Jul	2024						
Aug	2024						
Sep	2024						
Oct	2024						
Nov	2024						
Dec	2024						

My Treatment Plan

Use this plan to track your treatment options and how they work for you. It includes information on how to use your medications, how to use your non-medication treatments, and how to track your symptoms.

Treatment	Medication	Non-Medication	Physical Activity
Acute Treatment			
Preventive Treatment			
Other Management			

Follow-up Instructions:

Call your HCP if you have any questions or concerns. Your HCP will help you develop a treatment plan that works for you.

Migraine Diary/
Action Plan
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UNDERSTANDING MIGRAINE

What is Migraine?

A migraine is a headache that can cause severe throbbing pain or a pulsing sensation. It is often accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and extreme sensitivity to light and sound.

Around 39 MILLION Americans suffer from migraine*

Sex: 1 in 10 men, 1 in 5 women
Age: 15 to 25, 25 and 55 years of age*

Migraine Symptoms

People with migraine can experience many different symptoms, which often happen within 4 stages of a migraine attack:

- STEP 1: PRODRROME** - Prodrome: Some people experience prodrome symptoms before a migraine attack. These symptoms can include mood changes, fatigue, and changes in appetite.
- STEP 2: AURA** - Aura: Some people experience aura symptoms before a migraine attack. These symptoms can include visual disturbances, tingling, and weakness.
- STEP 3: HEADACHE** - Headache: The headache is the most common symptom of a migraine attack. It is often described as a throbbing or pulsing pain that is usually on one side of the head.
- STEP 4: POSTDROME** - Postdrome: Some people experience postdrome symptoms after a migraine attack. These symptoms can include fatigue, irritability, and changes in appetite.

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MODULE 1

What Is Migraine?

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UNDERSTANDING MIGRAINE TREATMENT OPTIONS

What is Migraine?

A migraine is a headache that can cause severe throbbing pain or a pulsing sensation. It is often accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and extreme sensitivity to light and sound.

How Can You Manage Migraine?

The American Headache Society defines 2 groups of migraine medications:

- ACUTE TREATMENT** - Used to reverse migraine attacks once they have begun.
- PREVENTIVE TREATMENT** - Used to lower the severity and frequency of migraine attacks.

SELECT GOALS:

- Reduce the number of migraine attacks
- Reduce the severity of migraine attacks
- Reduce the duration of migraine attacks
- Reduce the impact of migraine attacks on your life

Lifestyle Management*

Ask your health care professional (HCP) about lifestyle changes you can make. These can help reduce the frequency and severity of your migraines.

SEEDS

- S**LEEP
- E**XERCISE
- E**AT
- D**IARY
- S**TRESS

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MANAGEMENT

Create communication and follow-up plan with patient

- Ensure that the patient has a follow-up plan when they start a new treatment and that they know when to contact the office
- Reinforce with the patient the importance of using a migraine diary to track their migraine symptoms/headache severity, attacks, and response to treatment



REASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT

Patient attends follow-up primary care visit (in person or virtual)

Consider that patients may be returning from a neurology referral or may have had an interim visit to the ED, urgent care clinic, or OB/GYN.

Abbreviations: ED, emergency department; OB/GYN, obstetrics/gynecology.

Assess quality of life and response to treatment



MIDAS

mTOQ-5

Refer to Neurology

The **Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS)** questionnaire can help assess a patient's level of pain and disability caused by a migraine headache.¹⁵

1. On how many days in the last 3 months did you miss work or school because of your headaches? ____ days
2. How many days in the last 3 months was your productivity at work or school reduced by half or more because of your headaches? (Do not include days you counted in question 1 where you missed work or school.) ____ days
3. On how many days in the last 3 months did you not do household work (such as housework, home repairs and maintenance, shopping, caring for children and relatives) because of your headaches? ____ days
4. How many days in the last 3 months was your productivity in household work reduced by half or more because of your headaches? (Do not include days you counted in question 3 where you did not do household work.) ____ days
5. On how many days in the last 3 months did you miss family, social, or leisure activities because of your headaches? ____ days

____ Total

- A. On how many days in the last 3 months did you have a headache? (If a headache lasted more than 1 day, count each day.) ____ days
- B. On a scale of 0-10, on average how painful were these headaches? (Where 0=no pain at all, and 10=pain as bad as it can be.)

MIDAS Grade	Definition	MIDAS Score
I	Little or No Disability	0-5
II	Mild Disability	6-10
III	Moderate Disability	11-20
IV	Severe Disability	21+

Assess quality of life and response to treatment



MIDAS

mTOQ-5

Refer to Neurology

The **Migraine Treatment Optimization Questionnaire (mTOQ-5)** can assess efficacy of acute treatment.¹⁶

1. Can you count on your migraine medication to relieve your pain within 2 hours for most attacks?

Yes No

2. Does one dose of your migraine medication usually relieve your headache and keep it away for at least 24 hours?

Yes No

3. Are you able to quickly return to your normal activities (ie, work, family, leisure, social activities) after taking your migraine medication?

Yes No

4. Is your migraine medication well tolerated?

Yes No

5. Are you comfortable enough with your migraine medication to be able to plan your daily activities?

Yes No

Scoring:

If all 5 questions are answered “**yes**,” treatment is satisfactory; an answer of “**no**” to any single question suggests that a change in treatment may need to be considered.

Assess quality of life and response to treatment



MIDAS

mTOQ-5

Refer to Neurology

Referral to neurology for further evaluation of atypical cases (red flags)

- Unexpected/unusual change
- Poor response to multiple treatment strategies
- Increase or no change in frequency, symptoms, and/or disability



REASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT

Document migraine/headache details

Consider documenting the following at intake:

- Number of migraine/headache days per month
- Migraine symptoms/headache severity
- Missed days of work/school
- Impairment of daily activities
- Response to treatment



REASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT

Discuss current and previous treatments, including prescription and OTC medications, with patient

If discontinued, document reasons for failure (eg, lack of response, intolerance/adverse events).

Abbreviation: OTC, over the counter.



REASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT

Make changes to treatment plan?

Consider referral for further evaluation (neurology/imaging/other evaluation) of atypical cases (eg, Criteria for Secondary Headache Red Flags [SNOOP4]) such as:

- Unexpected/unusual change
- Poor response to multiple treatment strategies

Refer to current treatment guidelines



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2021 AHS Preventive Guidelines

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GOALS

- Rapid and consistent freedom from pain without recurrence
- Restored ability to function
- Minimal need for repeat dosing or rescue medications
- Optimal self-care and reduced subsequent use of resources
- Minimal or no adverse events
- Cost considerations

RECOMMENDATIONS

All patients with a confirmed diagnosis of migraine should be offered acute pharmacologic and/or nonpharmacologic treatment

Pharmacologic Treatment:

1. Mild/moderate attacks

- NSAIDs, nonopioid analgesics, acetaminophen, or caffeinated analgesic combinations

2. For migraine attacks of greater severity

- [Reference the AHS guidelines on acute pharmacologic migraine treatment](#)

Nonpharmacologic Treatment:

A number of **nonpharmacologic** options may be used alone or as an adjunct to medication in the acute treatment of migraine.

Abbreviation: NSAIDs, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

Refer to current treatment guidelines



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GOALS	RECOMMENDATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce attack frequency, severity, duration, and disability • Improve responsiveness to and avoid escalation in use of acute treatment • Improve function and reduce disability • Reduce reliance on suboptimal acute treatments • Reduce overall cost of migraine treatment • Enable patients to manage their own disease • Improve HRQOL • Reduce headache-related psychological symptoms 	<p>Patients should be considered for preventive therapy in any of the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks significantly interfere with patients' daily routines despite acute treatment • Frequent attacks • Patient experiences 4 or 5 headache days per month with no disability, 3 headache days per month with some disability, or 2 headache days per month with severe disability • Contraindication to, failure of, or overuse of acute treatments • Adverse events with acute treatments • Patient preference <p>Nonpharmacologic approaches to preventive treatment may be used alone or in combination with pharmacologic treatment.</p>

Abbreviation: HRQOL, health-related quality of life.



REASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT

Initiate shared decision-making to update treatment plan

Consider the AHRQ 5-step process for shared decision-making to ensure patients are engaged in their treatment plan¹²:

- S**eek your patient's participation.
- H**elp your patient explore and compare treatment options.
- A**ssess your patient's values and preferences.
- R**each a decision with your patient.
- E**valuate your patient's decision.

Abbreviation: AHRQ, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.



REASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT

Schedule follow-up visit

- Ensure that the patient has a follow-up plan when they start a new treatment and that they know when to contact the office
- Reinforce with the patient the importance of using a migraine diary to track their migraine symptoms/headache severity, attacks, and response to treatment