

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Trigeminal Neuralgia Surgery Study

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	THE PAIN'S BEEN DESCRIBED AS SO INTENSE IT'S LIKE A KNIFE TO THE FACE.
Bruce Pollock, M.D.	TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA IS A FACIAL PAIN SYNDROME THAT IS ALMOST ALWAYS ON ONE SIDE... IT'S MORE COMMON IN WOMEN THEN MEN AND ITS MORE COMMON AS WE AGE.
	WHILE MOST PATIENTS FIND RELIEF WITH MEDICATIONS, MAYO CLINIC NEUROSURGEON, DR. BRUCE POLLOCK SAYS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE DRUGS DECREASES OVER TIME, PROMPTING THE NEED FOR

	<p>SURGERY. OFTEN THE CAUSE OF THE PAIN IS A BLOOD VESSEL THAT'S PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE TRIGEMINAL NERVE. IN A RECENT STUDY, DOCTOR POLLOCK FOUND THAT WHEN THAT'S THE CASE...</p>
Dr. Pollock	<p>"A MICROVASCULAR DECOMPRESSION HAS RESULTS THAT ARE FAR BETTER, AND THAT THE DURABILITY OF THIS SURGERY IS FAR GREATER THAN THE OTHER SURGERIES THAT WE OFFER PATIENTS."</p>
	<p>NOW SELECTING A TREATMENT INVOLVES THE PATIENT AND PHYSICIAN DISCUSSING ALL OPTIONS, AND SELECTING A PLAN THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>