

ATYPICAL FACIAL PAIN

Please read this information sheet. If you have any questions, particularly about the treatment or potential side-effects, please ask Professor.

- This is fairly common
- The cause is not completely known
- It is not inherited
- It may be caused by increased nerve sensitivity
- There may be a background of stress
- There are usually no serious long-term consequences
- X-rays and blood tests *may* be required
- Treatment takes time and patience; some nerve-calming drugs can help
- Useful website <http://facial-neuralgia.org/conditions/atfp.html>

A patient has the right under common law to give or withhold consent to medical examination of treatment. This is one of the basic principles of health care. Patients are entitled to receive sufficient information in a way they can understand about the proposed treatments, the possible alternatives and any substantial risk or risks which may be special in kind or magnitude or special to the patient, so that they can make a balanced judgement. (UK Health Dept. 19.2.99. HSC 1999/031)

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