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The Migraine Treatment Toolbox

An eBook Guide to Taking Control of Your Migraine

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About Us

Migraine Meanderings (a dba of Hope in Pain, Inc. a 501(c)3 charity) offers evidence-based educational resources and support to people who live with migraine.

We believe that the patient voice matters, and actively advocate for patient engagement and empowerment. We invite you to explore our website, download our FREE educational resources, watch our YouTube videos, and connect in our social media communities. Learn more about this complex, neurological disease, and join with us in helping make a difference—together, we are stronger!

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Welcome to Your Migraine Treatment Toolbox

Migraine is more than just a bad headache. It is a complex neurological disease that affects the brain and body. Because everyone is different, a treatment that helps one person might not work for you. Vice versa, a treatment that doesn't work for another person may work incredibly well for you. It is important to realize that migraine is very complex, and that there is no cure for it currently. However, over time it is possible to find options that reduce the impact of this disease on your life. Finding what works takes time, patience, and courage.

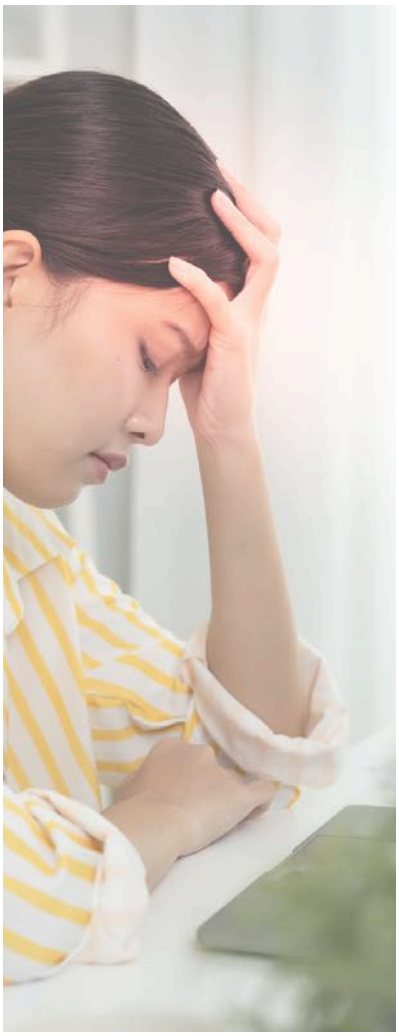
The best way to manage migraine is to build a **treatment toolbox**. Your toolbox should be a mix of different treatments that you use together to help manage your migraine symptoms. This includes medications, medical devices, lifestyle changes, supplements, and alternative treatment options to help prevent and stop attacks.

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This book is for learning purposes only. It does not take the place of medical advice. Always talk to your doctor before you change your treatments or start a new plan.

CHAPTER 1

Stopping Migraine Before it Gets Worse



Migraine can change over time. For some people, attacks happen once in a while. For others, attacks happen more and more often.

When attacks happen frequently it can change how your brain senses pain. This can make your body even more sensitive to future triggers. Doctors call this process **“central sensitization”** and it can result in “**progression**” or “**chronification**” of migraine.

The good news is that you can take action! You can advocate for yourself and work with your doctor to disrupt these changes, and help stop, reduce or even reverse progression that may have already happened.

Ways to Help Reduce or Stop Progression

- ✓ **Track your attacks:** Keep a simple diary of when you get symptoms.
- ✓ **Treat attacks early:** Use your medicine or device as soon as an attack starts.
- ✓ **Use preventive tools:** Take steps to lower the number of attack days you get each month.
- ✓ **Protect your brain:** Eat healthy meals, get regular sleep, and manage daily stress. The migraine brain thrives on calm and routine.

By acting early, you can protect your brain and help stop migraine from taking over your life.

Treatment Considerations

Appropriate, timely, and effective treatments, both preventive and acute, are key to helping reduce the risk of migraine disease progression.

Ideally, patients shouldn't leave a doctor's appointment with a single treatment option, but with a comprehensive, adaptable plan that can evolve with their condition. More so... a plan that covers how to treat your **worst** attacks. The goal is to provide patients with multiple tools to effectively manage and potentially reduce migraine progression. In practice, this means working with your headache doctor, or healthcare team, to create a plan that:

- Provides a comprehensive, flexible approach to migraine management
- Addresses different migraine symptoms and severity levels
- Creates personalized strategies for various migraine scenarios.