

Post-Concussive Dizziness: Concussion Recovery Program

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Post-Concussion Dizziness and Vertigo

- Affects 30-65% of patients with TBI
- Results in significant impairment in daily function due to:
 - Reduced balance
 - Fear of falls
 - Difficulty with eye-hand-head coordination
 - Difficulty to return to work
 - Risk for further head trauma
 - Inability to participate in sports or complete daily tasks
 - Avoidance of social engagements
 - Frustration, anxiety, depression



Eyes (vision, focal & peripheral)

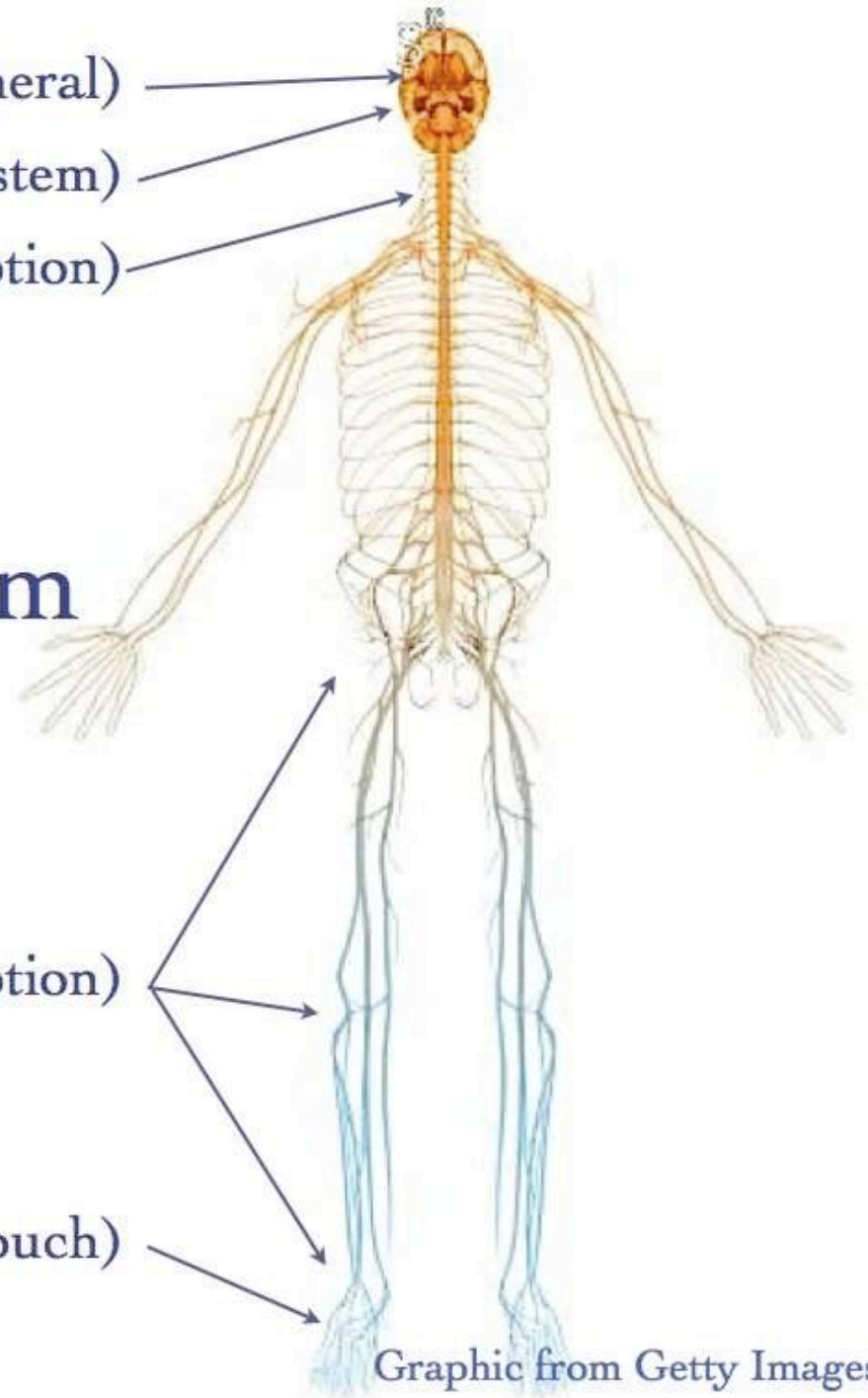
Inner ear (vestibular system)

Neck (proprioception)

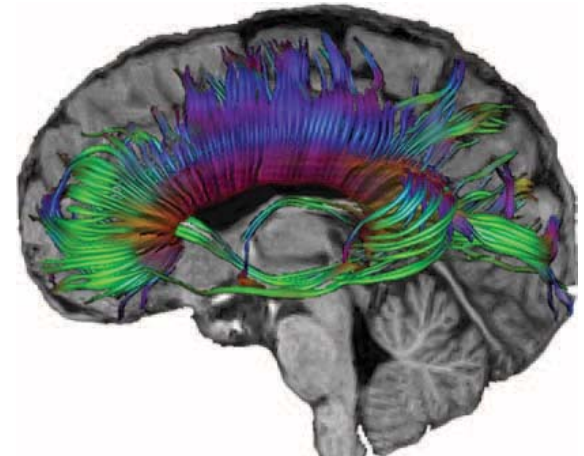
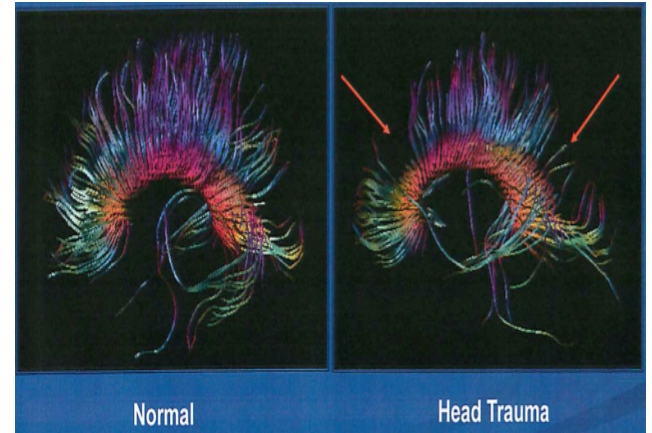
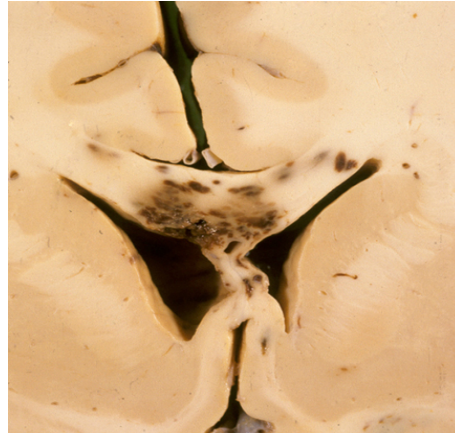
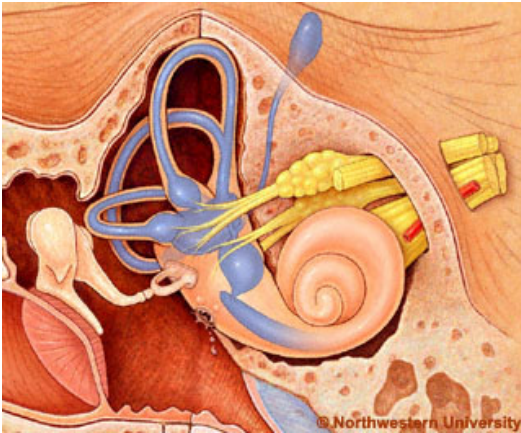
Equilibrium system

Joints (proprioception)

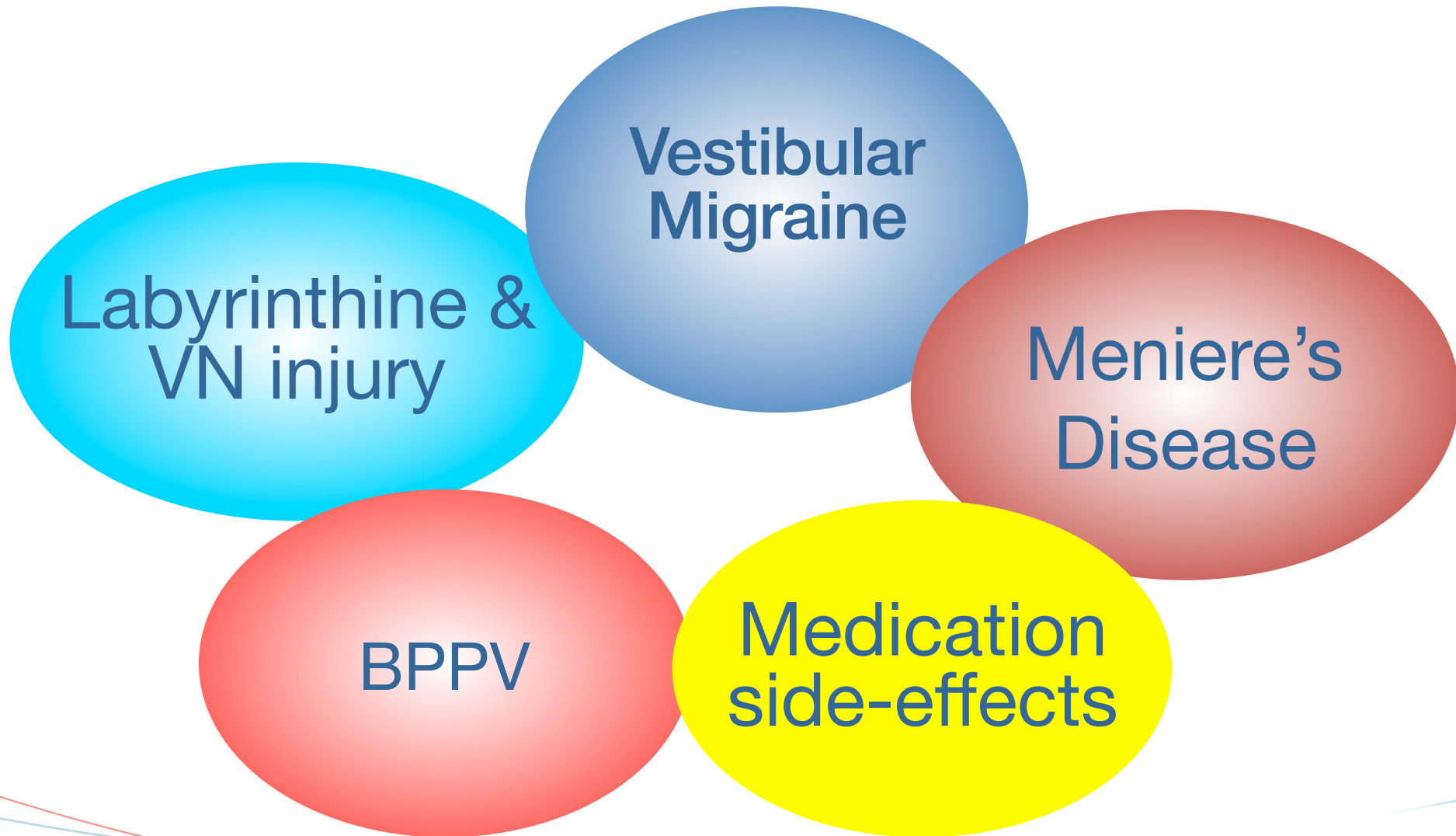
Soles (touch)



Trauma to Inner Ear, Diffuse Axonal Injury, Cervical Injury

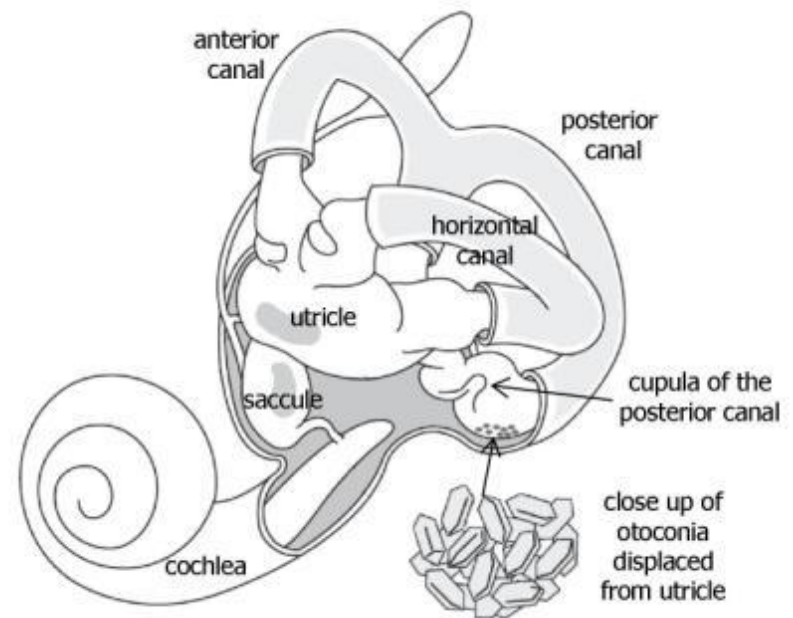
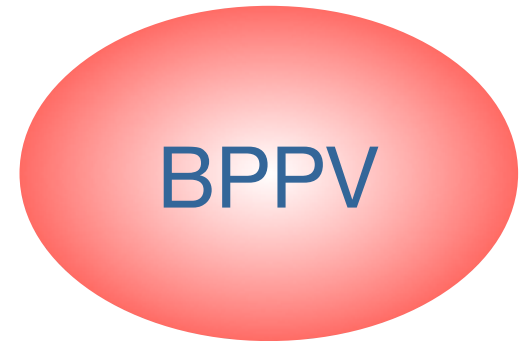


Common Causes of Post-Concussive Dizziness



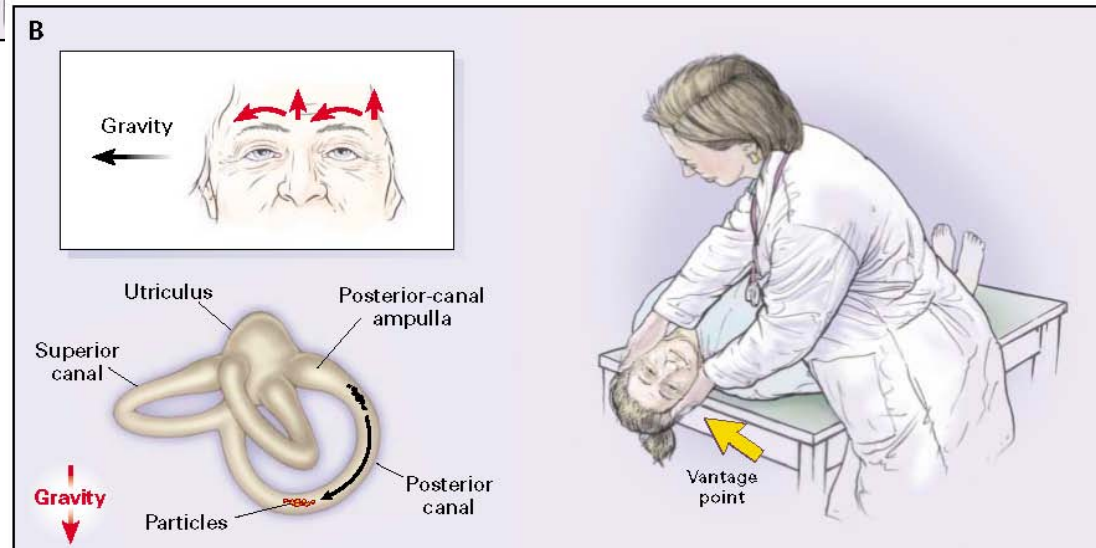
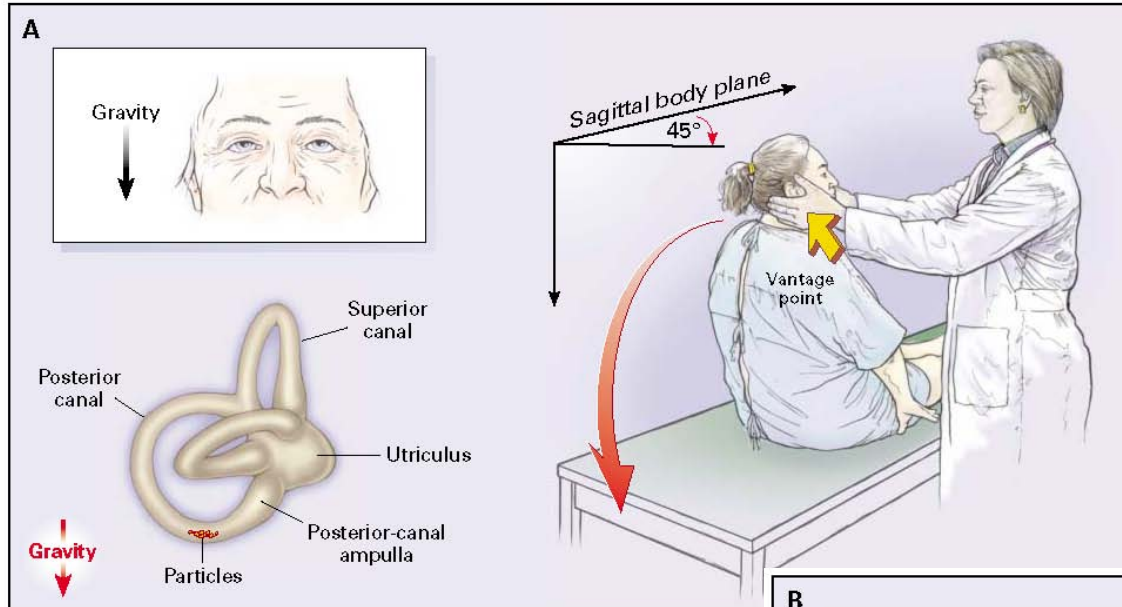
BPPV

- Vertigo in a specific head position (most often with looking up or turning in bed - less symptomatic with walking)
- “World spinning” —patient feels very nauseated and uncomfortable
- Symptoms stop when a specific head position is avoided
- Is easy to diagnose and treat

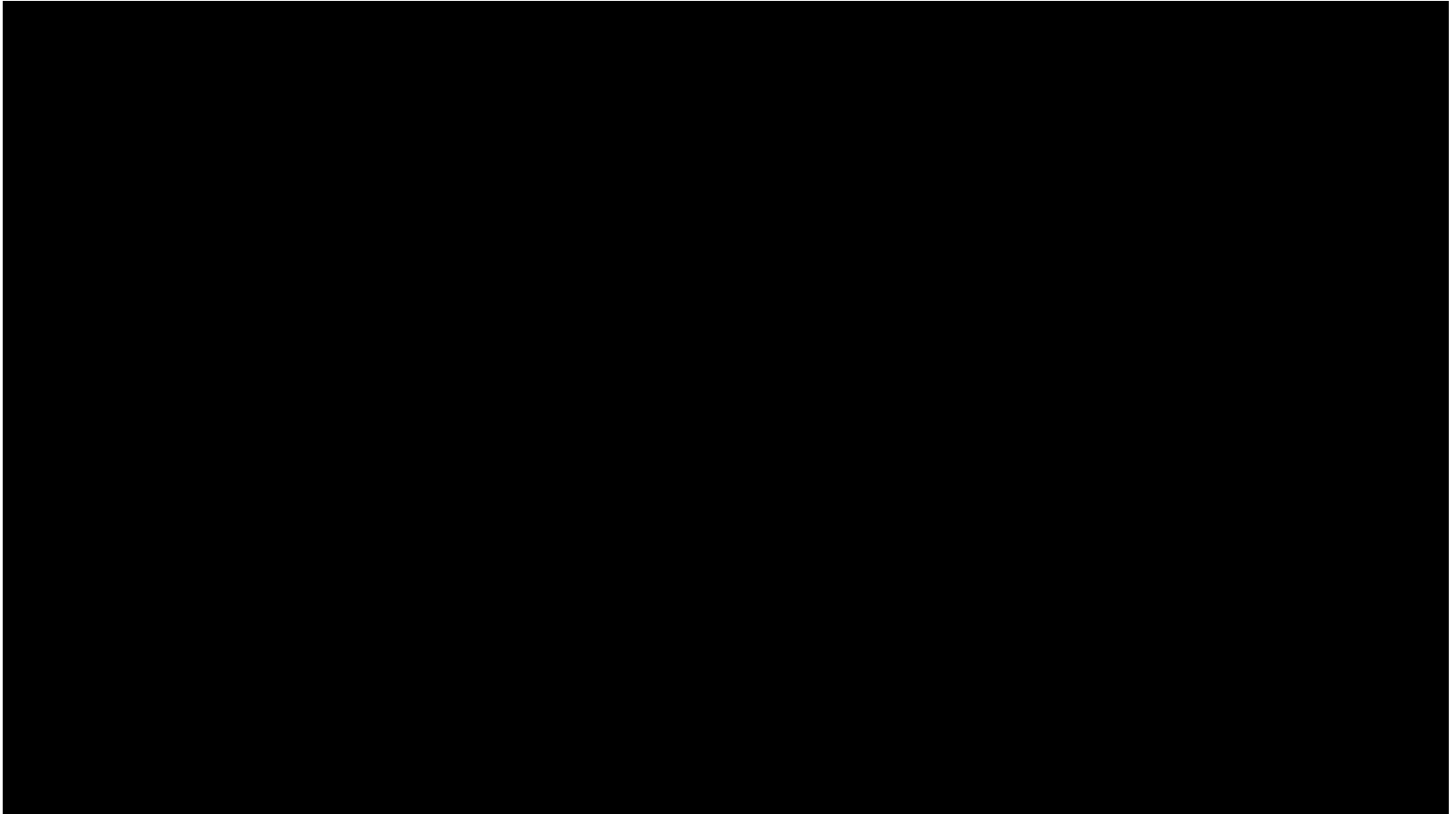


Examination in BPPV

The Dix–Hallpike Test
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affecting
the right ear

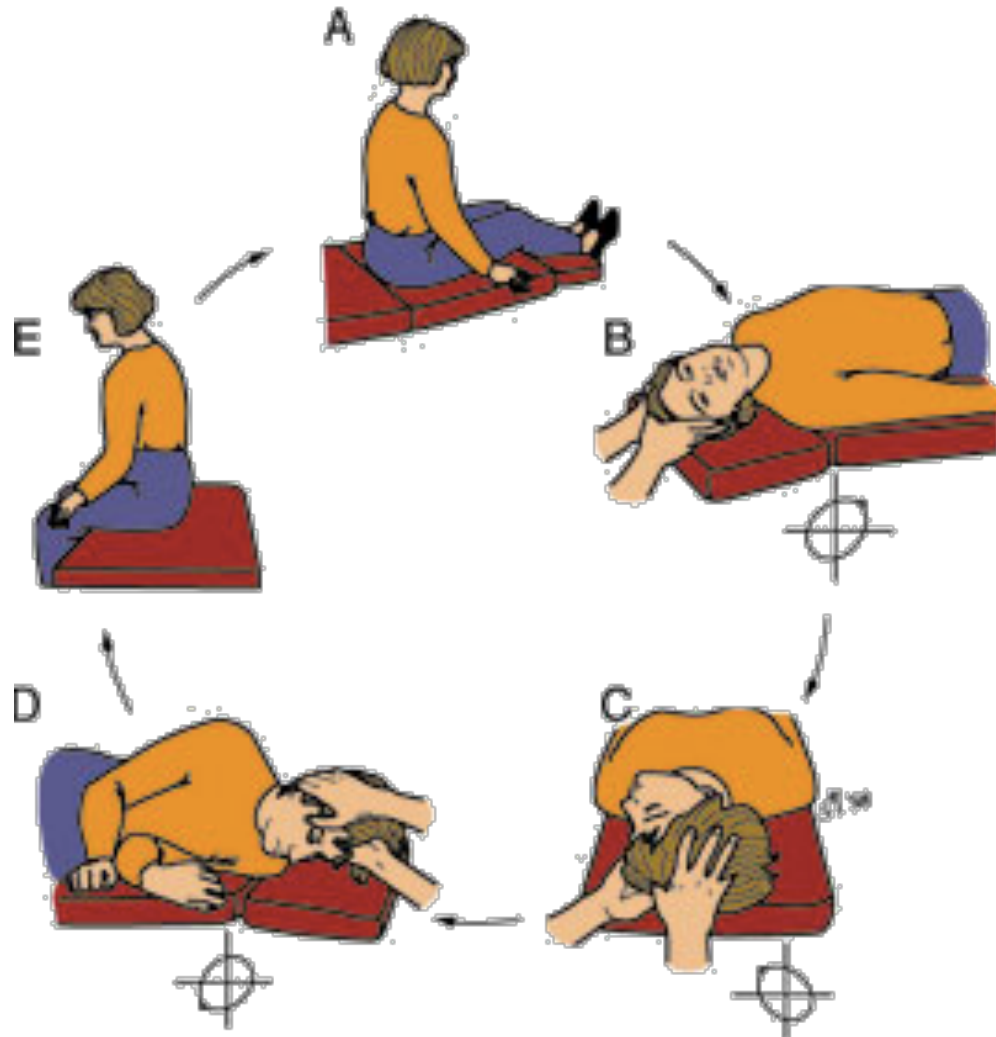


Maneuvers to Diagnose and Treat BPPV



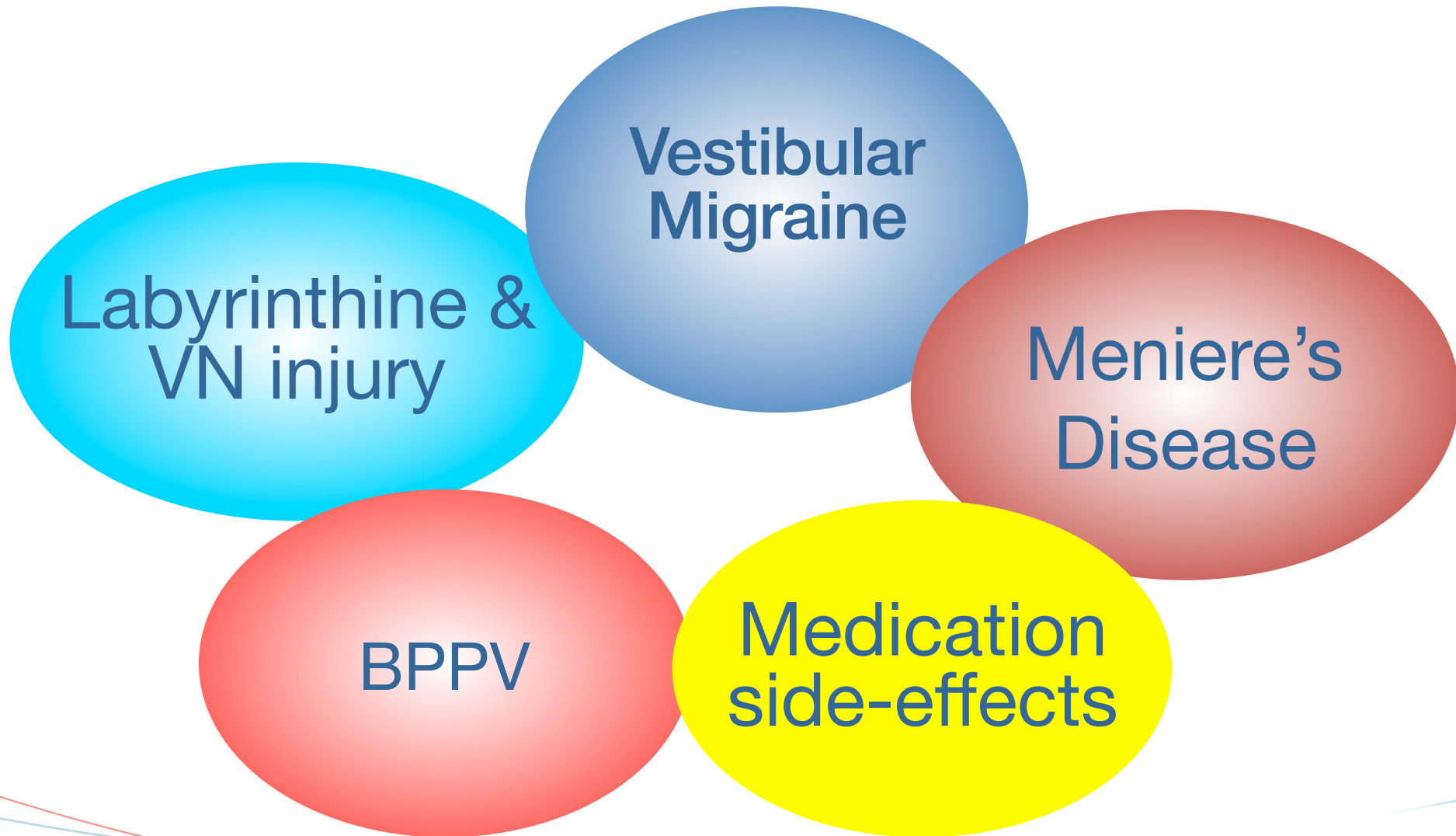
Epley Maneuver

BPPV



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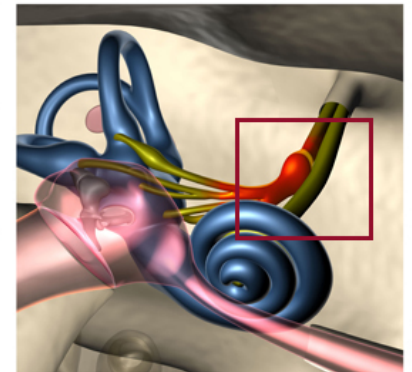
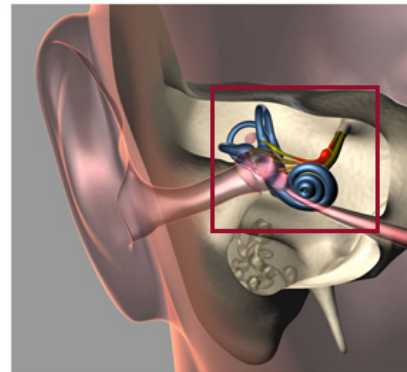
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Trauma to the Inner Ear or Vestibular Nerve

- Trauma to the semicircular canals or the vestibular nerve can cause disruption in the flow of information from the inner ears to the brain
- Acute symptoms of gait imbalance, veering to the right or left, vertigo with rapid head movements to the right or left
- Responds well to treatment with vestibular rehab

Labyrinthine & VN injury

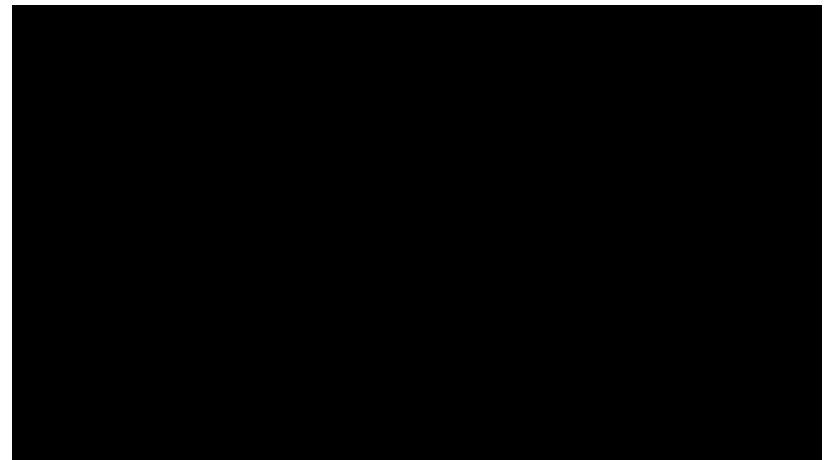


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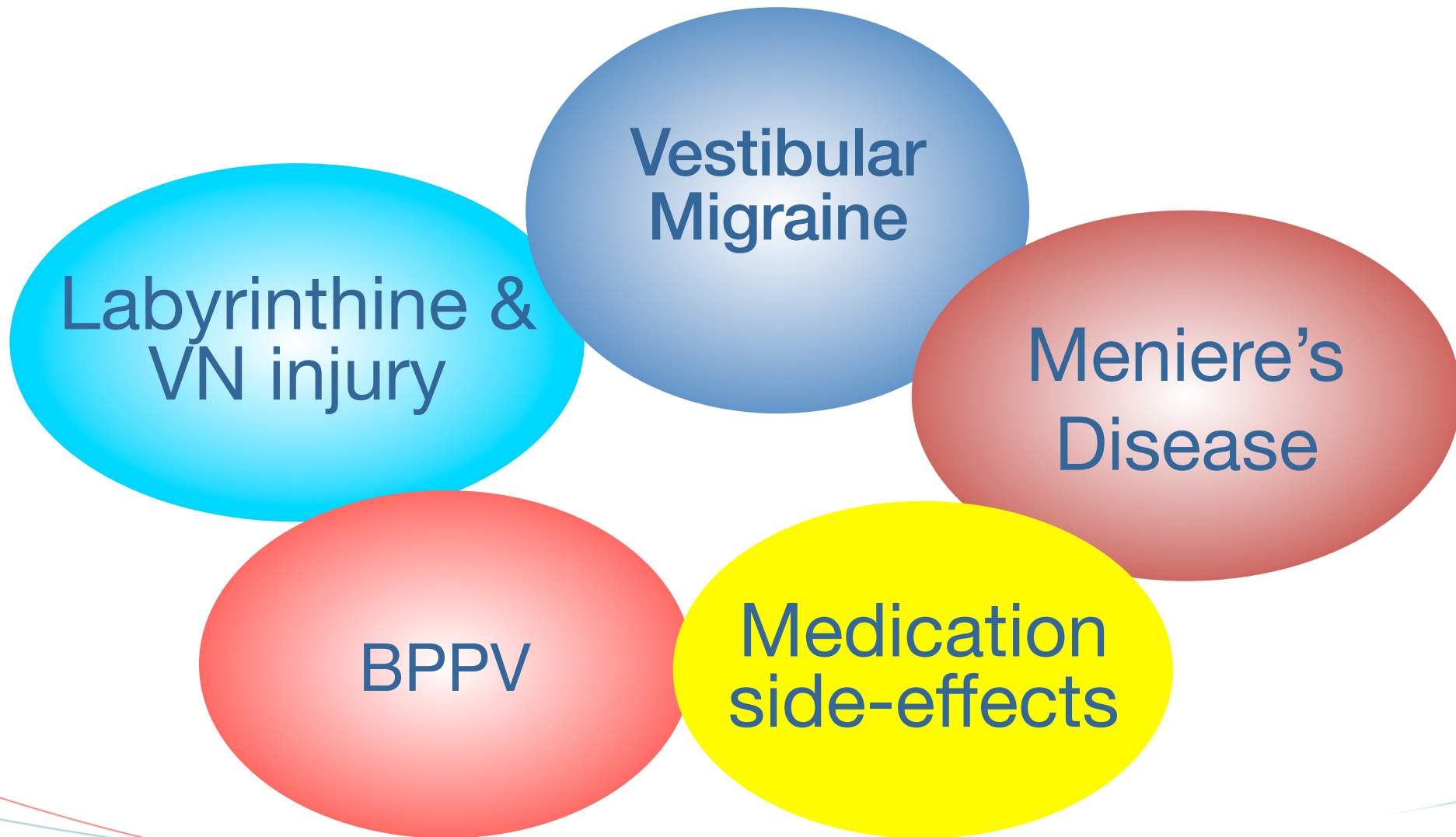
Examination and Treatment

- Gait imbalance (veer to one side)
- Difficulty with standing on either foot alone (falls to the same side on repeated testing)
- Positive head-impulse test
- Positive Fukuda test
- Normal hearing
- Negative Dix–Hallpike
- Vestibular rehab can result in complete resolution of symptoms within weeks to months

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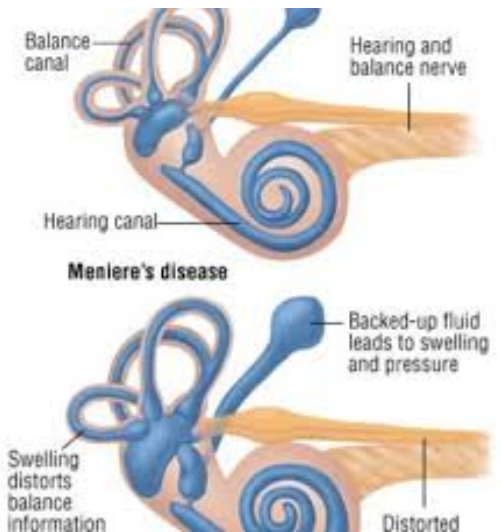
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Post-Traumatic Meniere's

- “Glaucoma of the inner ear”
- Increased pressure inside inner ear
- Associated with fluctuating
 - Hearing loss
 - Fullness in ears
 - Tinnitus
 - Attacks of unprovoked vertigo, not positional
- Couple of hours at a time

Meniere's Disease

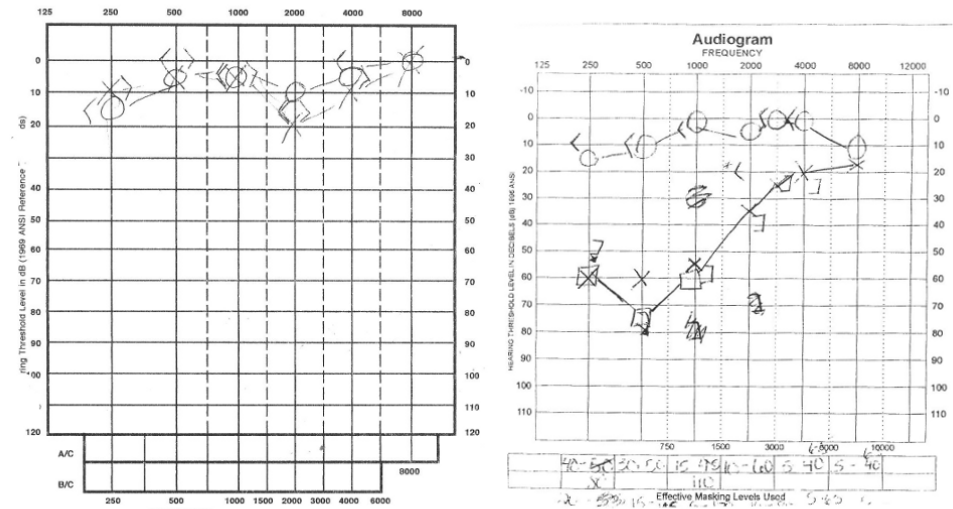


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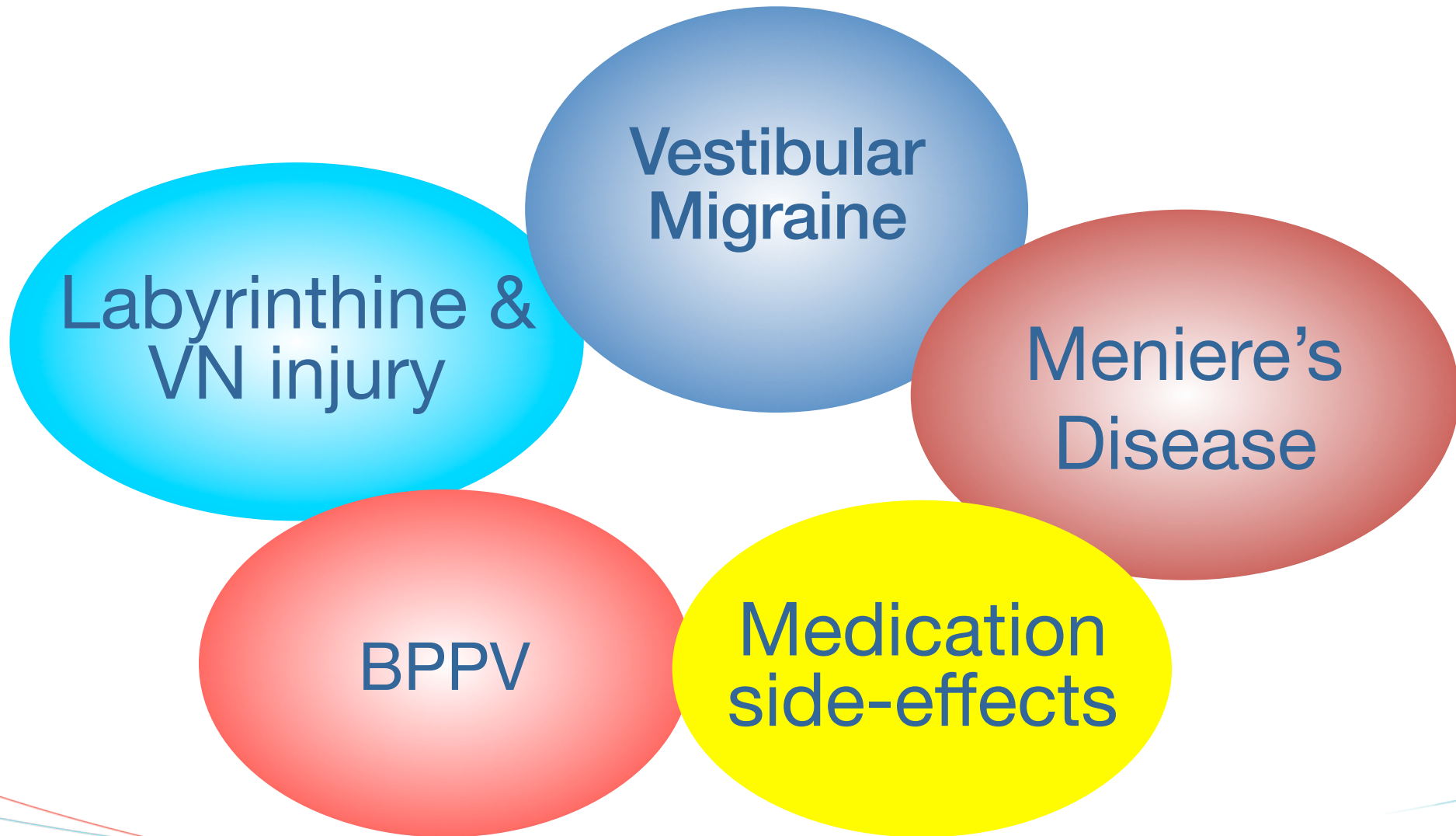
- Unilateral LF hearing loss
- May have unilateral vestibular hypofunction (positive head impulse test)
- Normal gait (unless experiencing vertigo attack at the time of examination, in which case cannot walk at all)
- Treated with
 - Low salt diet
 - Acetazolamide
 - Clonazepam (for acute vertigo attacks)

Meniere's Disease



<http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/00/Menieres-hearing-loss.png>

Common Causes of Post-Concussive Dizziness



Vestibular Migraine (VM)

- Most often underdiagnosed, attributed to anxiety
- Episodes of dizziness last hours to days
- Symptoms can range from frank vertigo (spinning) to a rocking sensation or disequilibrium
- Often associated with motion sensitivity
- Can happen with or without headaches, photophobia, phonophobia, and nausea

**Vestibular
Migraine**



Examination in VM

- Normal
- Difficulty with focusing eyes, may have convergence insufficiency (trouble reading)
- Sometimes patients have evidence of unilateral vestibular hypofunction or spontaneous nystagmus (especially during the vertigo attack)
- Signs of anxiety and depression (in up to 40% of patients)

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the CPU 2.0.1 computers (Control and Sample).

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the computer being read. On those computers where the key is not installed, the task
will be given, but it will work because the program contains the valid key from the
sample.

Also, On all Samples, you will see an AI CPU VET Host (video) icon. This also loads
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and will change later.

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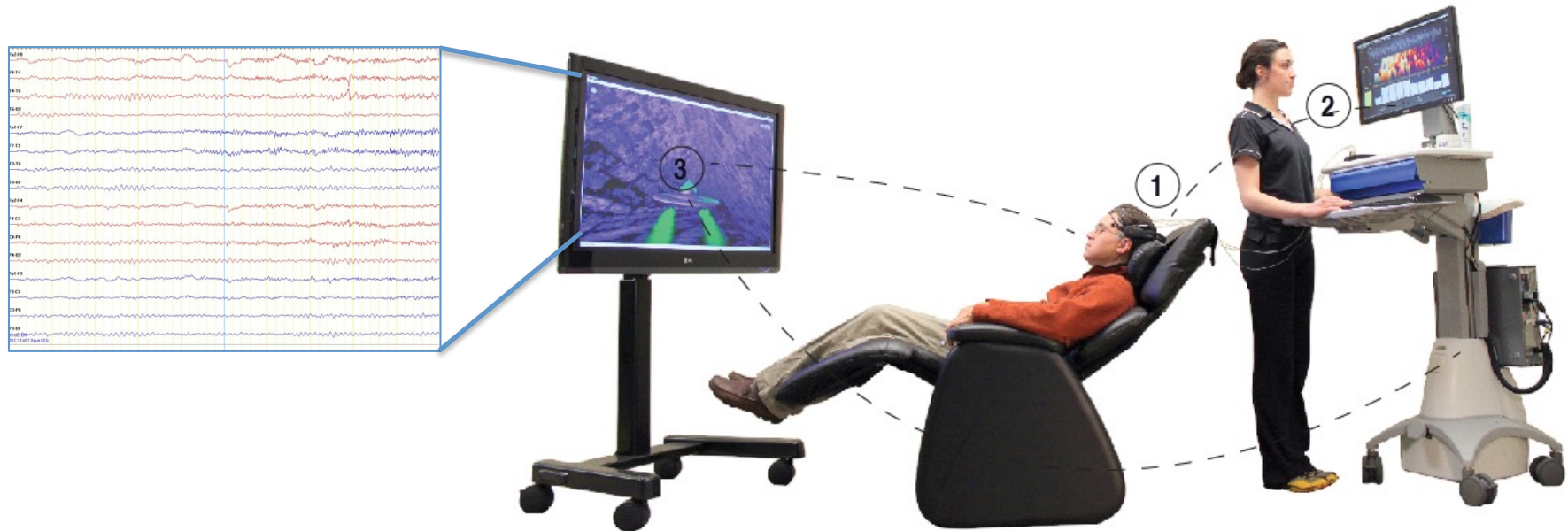


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Treatment for Vestibular Migraine

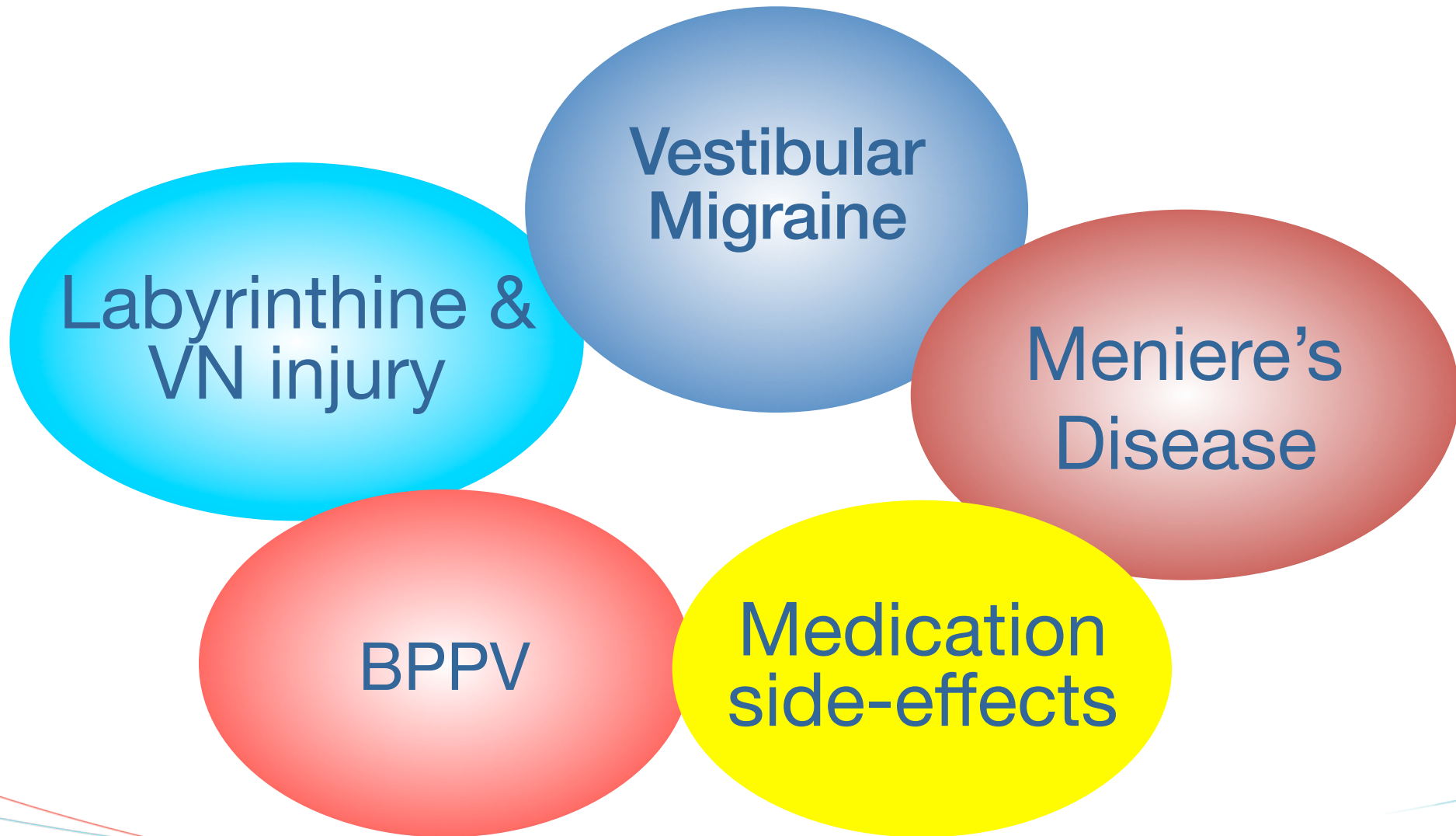
- **Identify and address the triggers for migraine:**
 - Poor sleep
 - Poor diet, certain food item
 - Excessive noise, light, odors, people, or visual stimuli in the work/home environment
 - Stress and anxiety
 - Lack of rest and relaxation
- **Treatment with medications:**
 - Topamax or other prophylactic medications for migraine
 - Anti-anxiety medications such as SSRIs for 3-6 months
 - Counseling, meditation training, or neurofeedback

Neurofeedback



- Performed by a certified EEG neurofeedback specialist
- Live EEG feedback is provided through auditory and visual responses to help the patient move brain activity towards an optimal state
- Very effective for treatment of migraine symptoms
- Benefits are long-lasting

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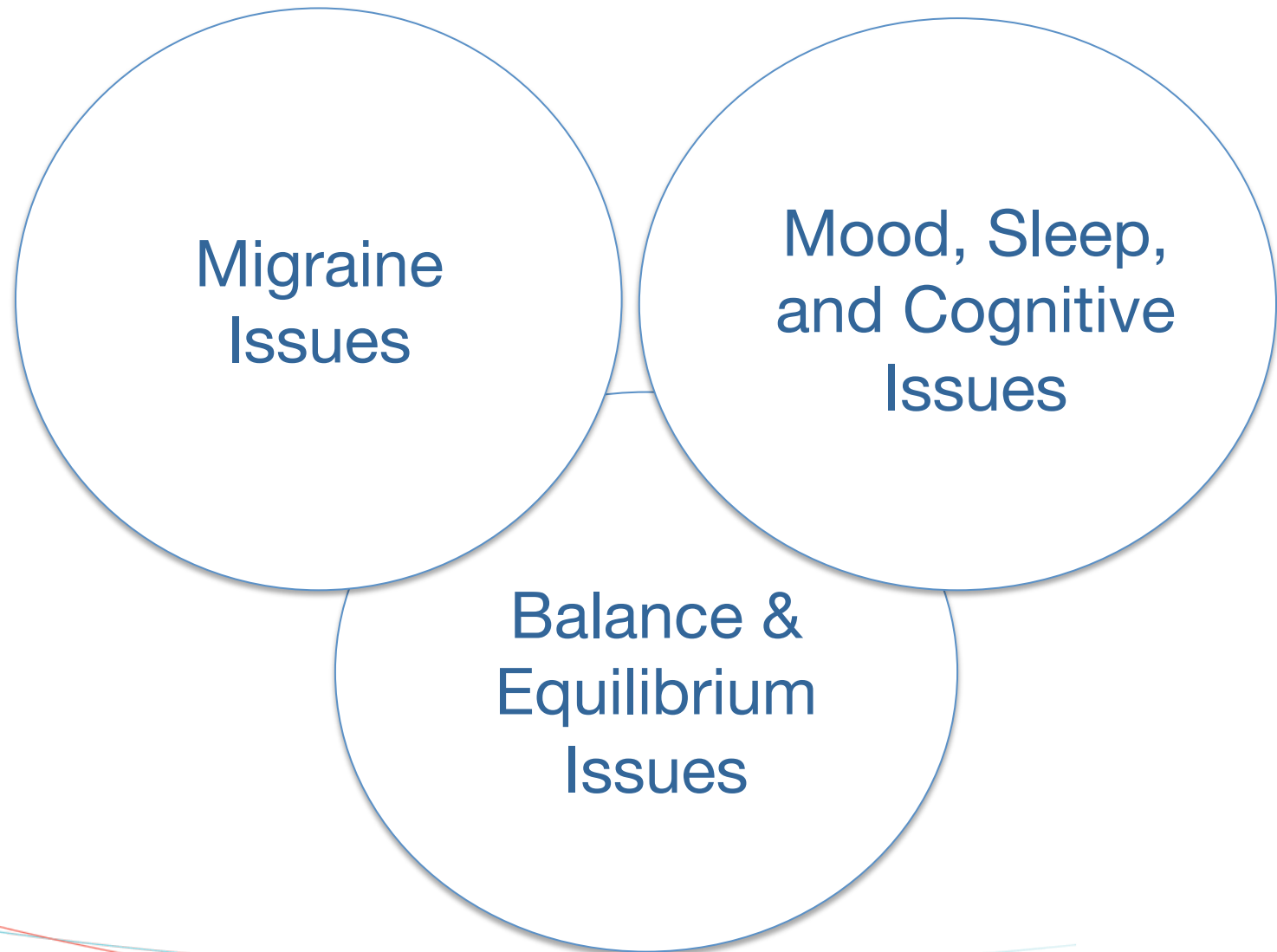


Why Some Patients Do Not Recover Promptly?

- Severity and frequency of damage to the brain
- Inadequate initial treatment of symptoms
- Fragmented interventions, without a coherent and systematic approach
- Depression, loss of hope due to persistent dizziness, with or without co-existing sleep, anxiety, and disability issues
- Loss of self-esteem, deterioration in lifestyle
- Secondary gain, legal matters

Concussion Recovery Program:

Treatment of Three Main Categories of Symptoms



Concussion Recovery Program

Migraine

- Reduce exposure to triggering stimuli
- Improve sleep
- Prophylactic medications
- Improve Diet & Exercise
- Neurofeedback

Balance & Equilibrium

- Careful examination by expert neurologists
- Equilibrium testing
- Balance and vestibular rehab
- Address co-existing issues (such as tinnitus)

Mood, Sleep, and Cognitive Issues

- Meditation
- Counseling
- Improve sleep
- Medications
- Improve Diet & Exercise
- Neurofeedback

Concussion Recovery Program

Results:

- Better balance & Equilibrium
- Awareness and understanding of disease processes and solutions
- Expect full resolution of symptoms
- Regain confidence
- Better sleep
- More hopeful
- Brighter mood



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