



Dizziness and Vertigo

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Eyes (vision, focal & peripheral)

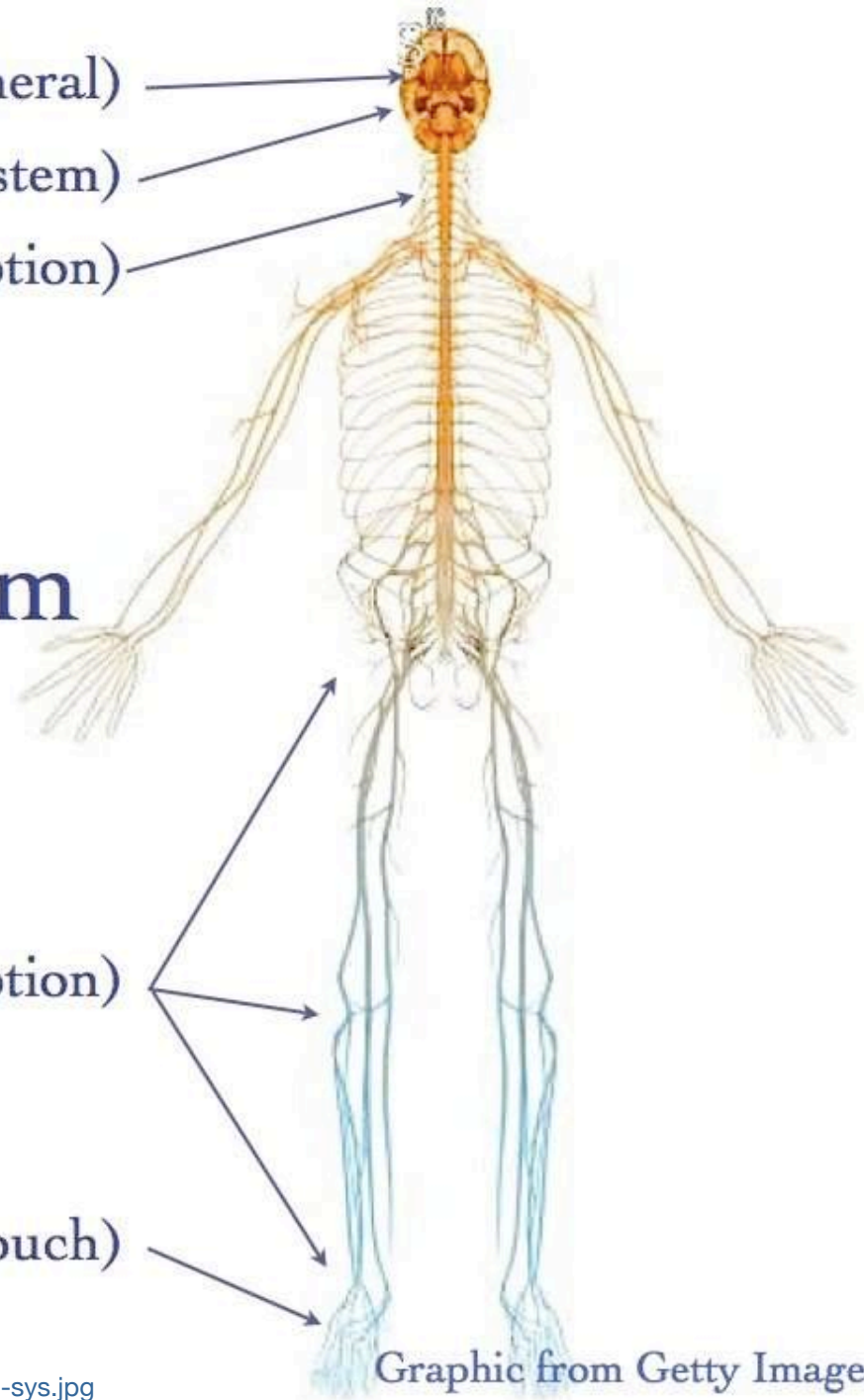
Inner ear (vestibular system)

Neck (proprioception)

Equilibrium system

Joints (proprioception)

Soles (touch)



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Definitions

Dizziness: a vague term

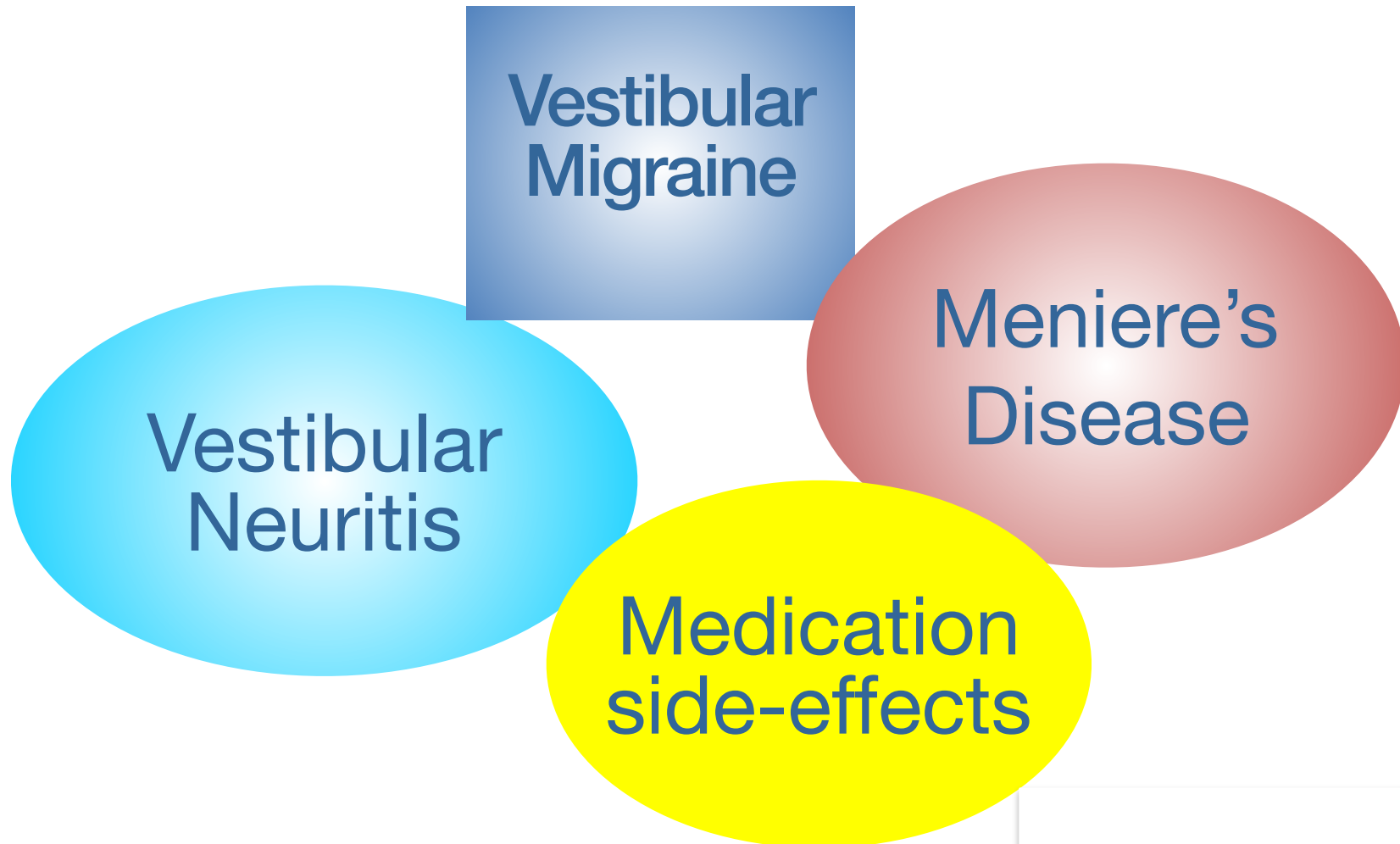
- “floating”
- “tilting”
- “off balance”
- “walking on pillows”



Vertigo: sensation that the environment moves around

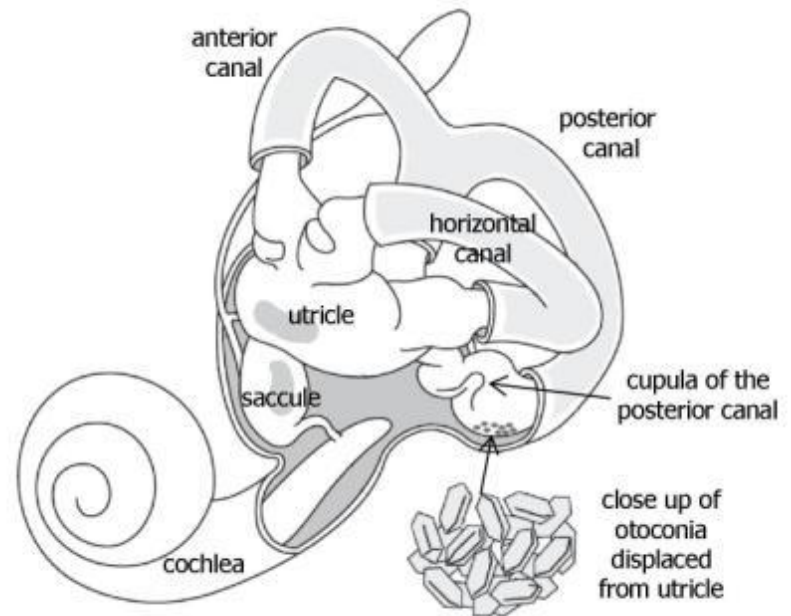
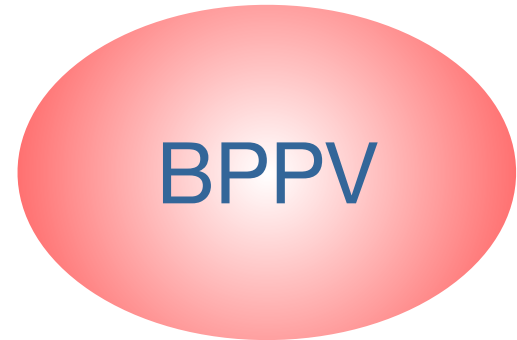
- “world spinning”
- Often worse with turning head quickly
- Sudden onset
- Very uncomfortable

Common Causes of Dizziness



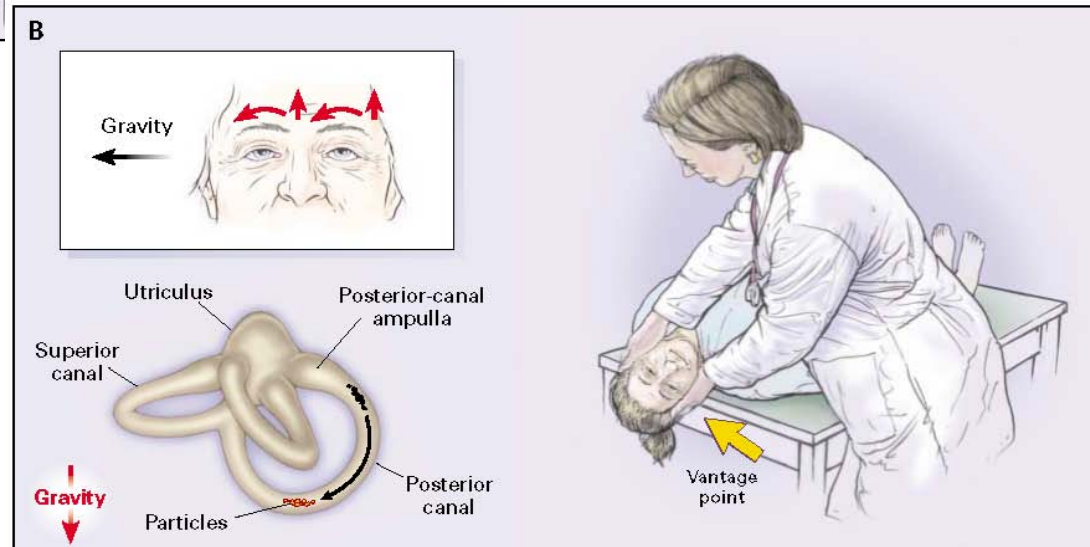
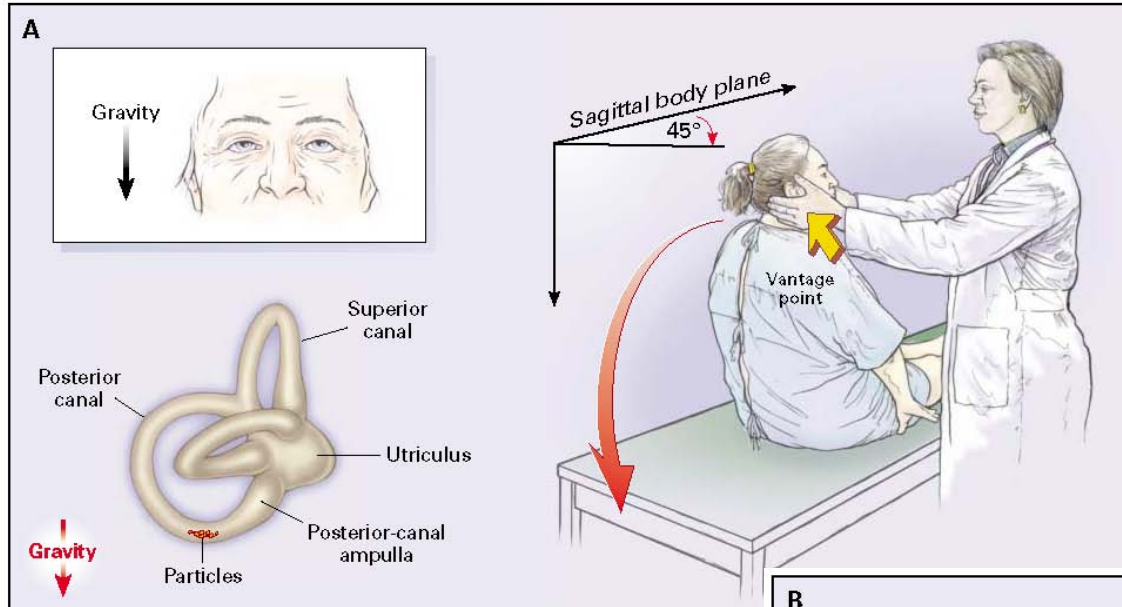
BPPV

- 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

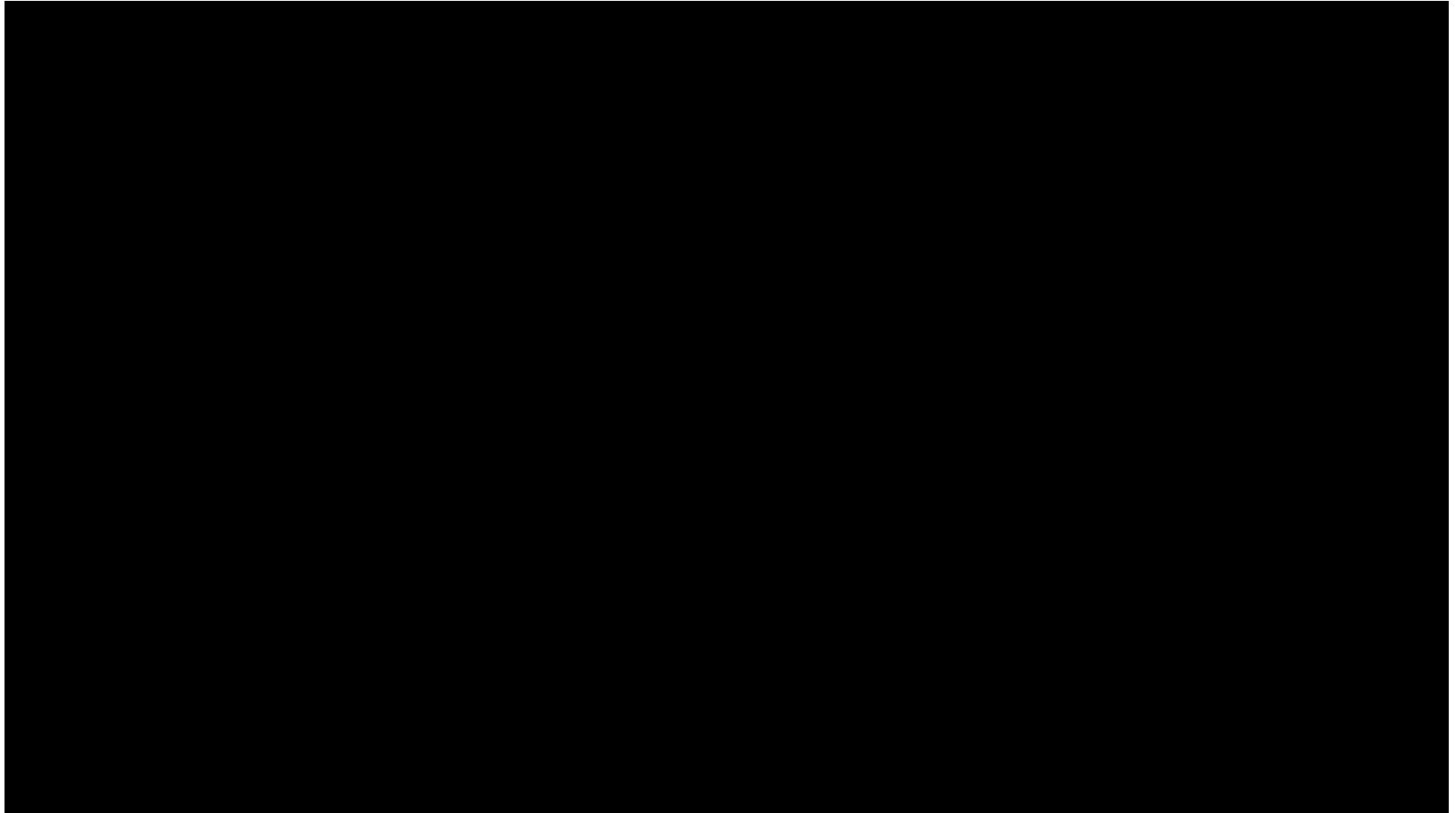


Examination in BPPV

The Dix–Hallpike Test of
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affecting
the right ear

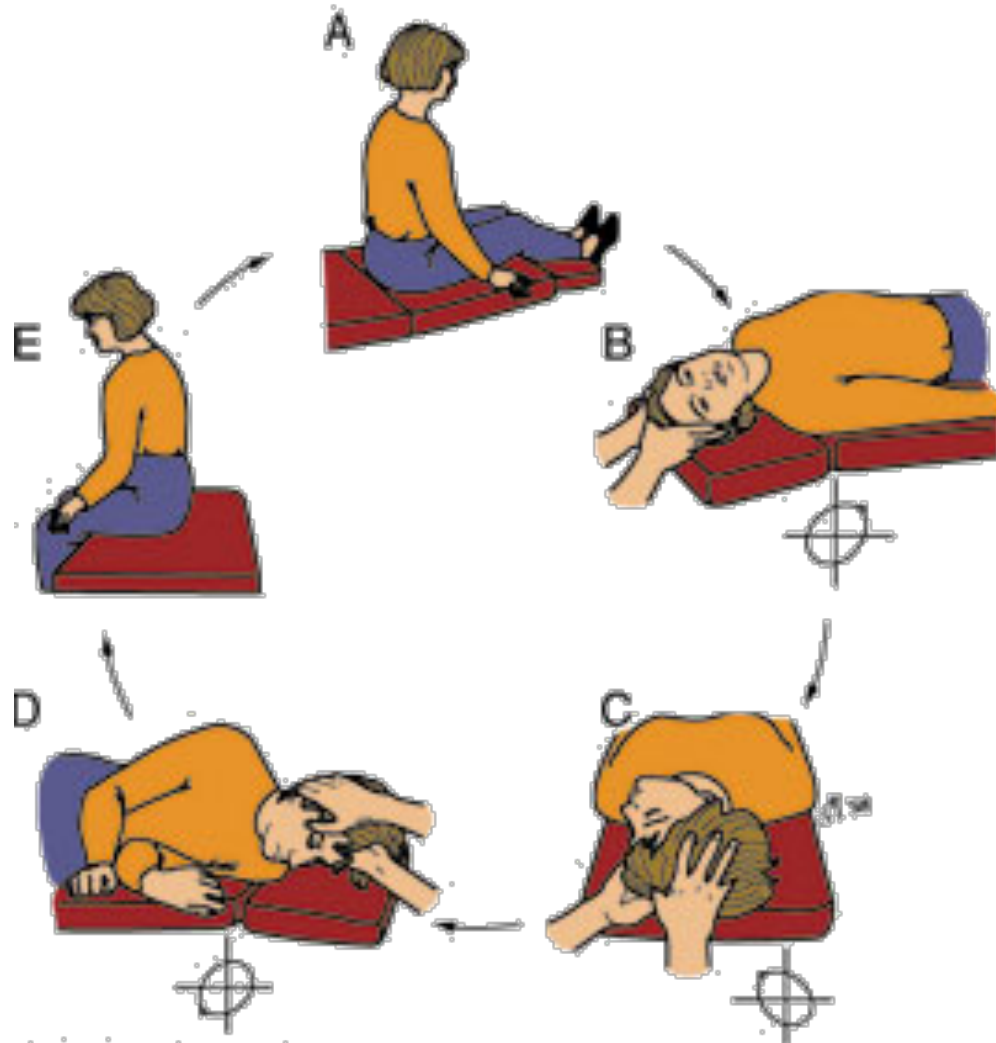


Maneuvers to Diagnose and Treat BPPV



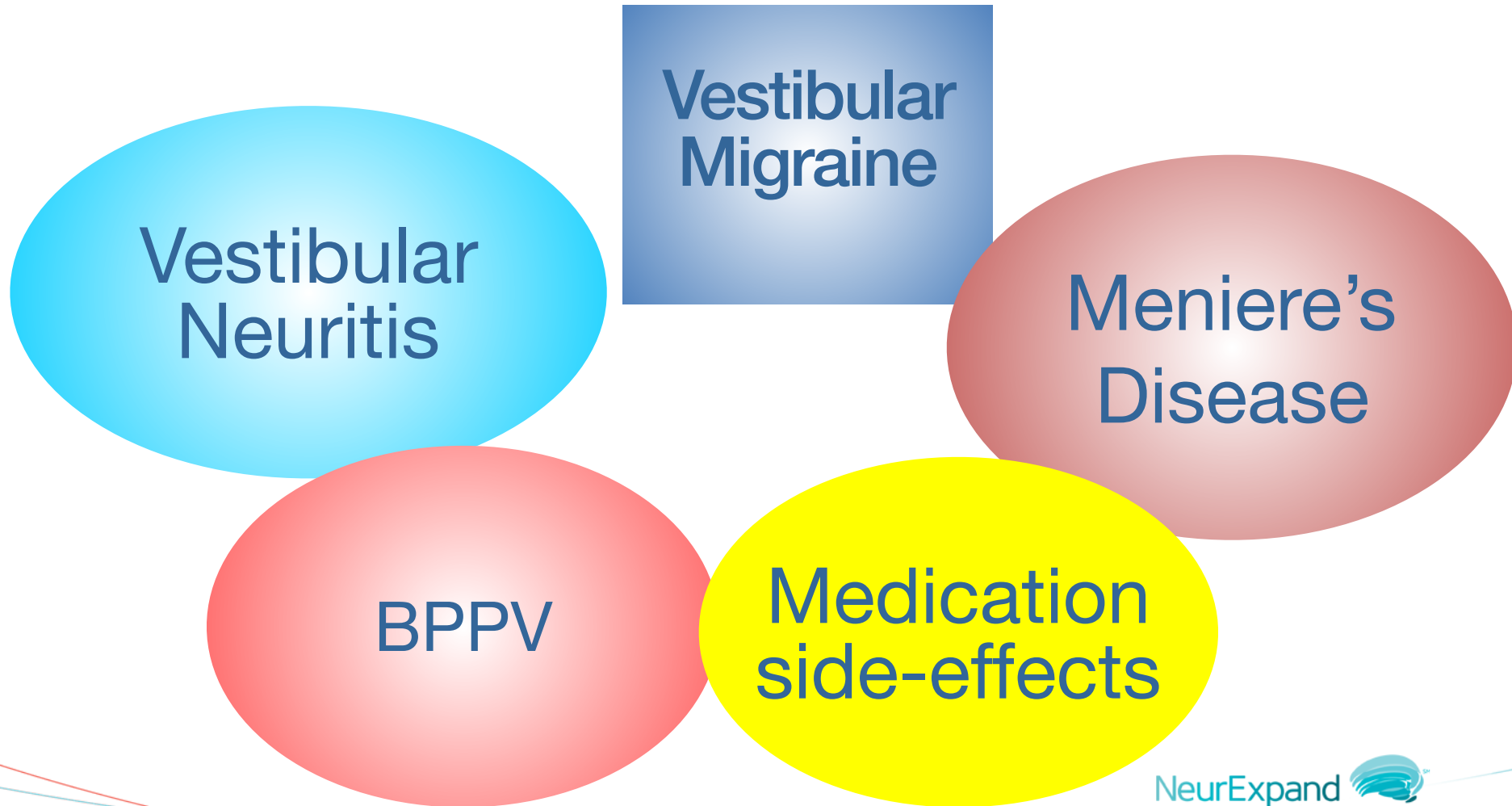
Epley Maneuver

BPPV



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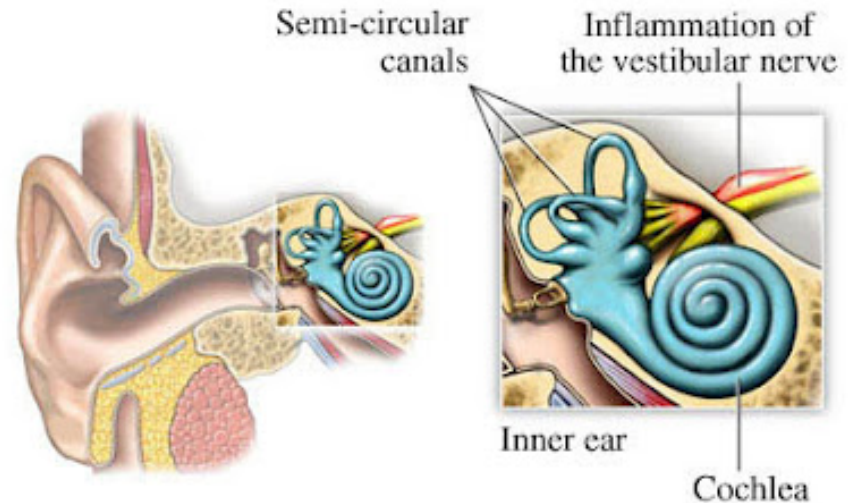
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Vestibular Neuritis

- Inflammation in vestibular nerve, causes 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

Vestibular Neuritis

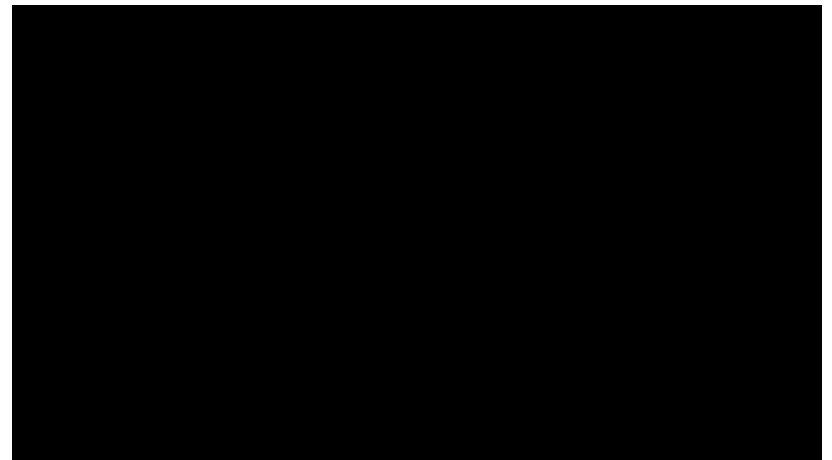


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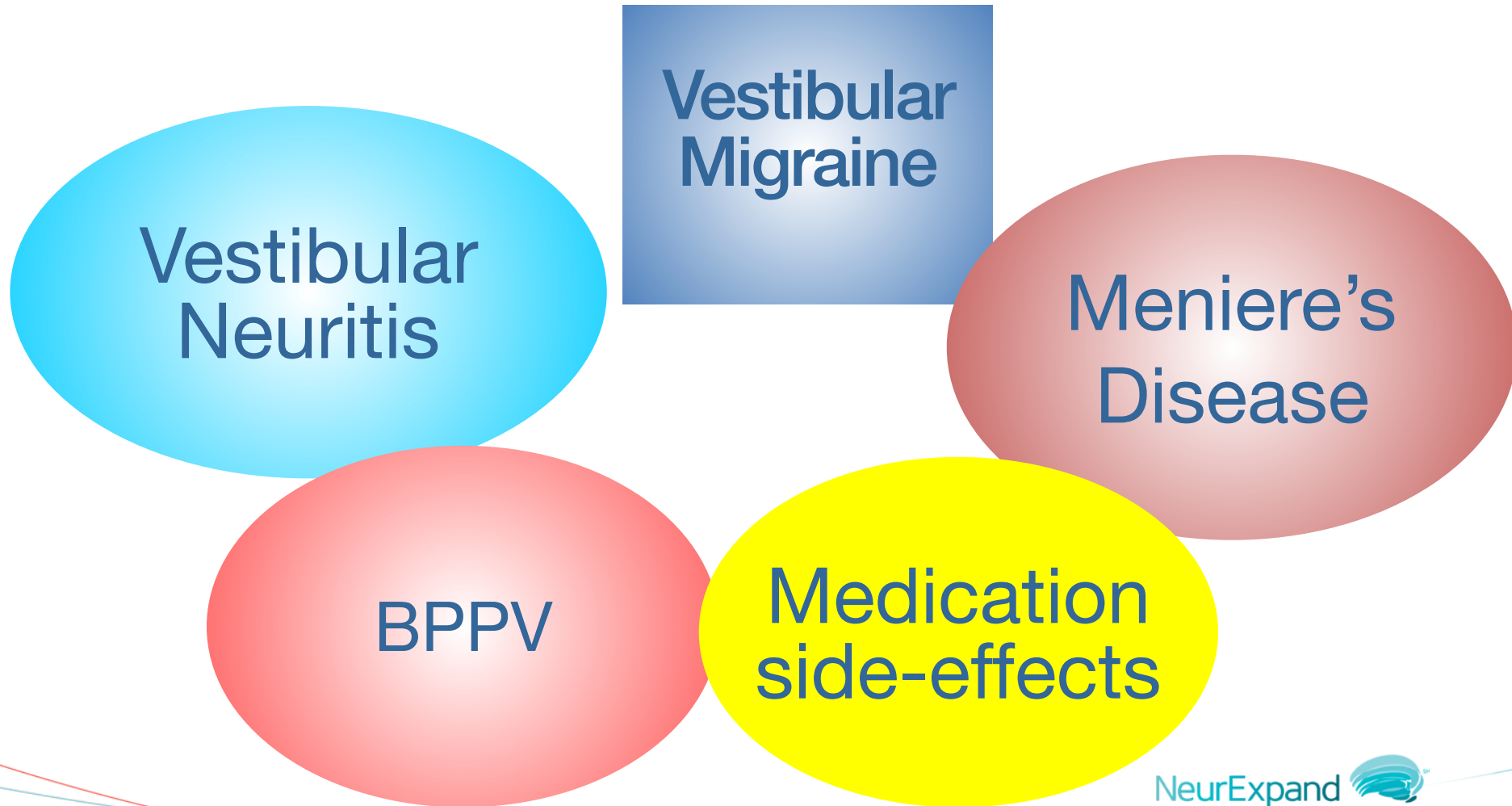
Examination and Treatment

- 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
- Prednisone taper if symptoms began within 2-3 days of visit

Vestibular Neuritis



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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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application (The entire drive with some). This is essential to recognize the CPU.
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because it's in the Windows Task View. This feature program is usually installed on all
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network.

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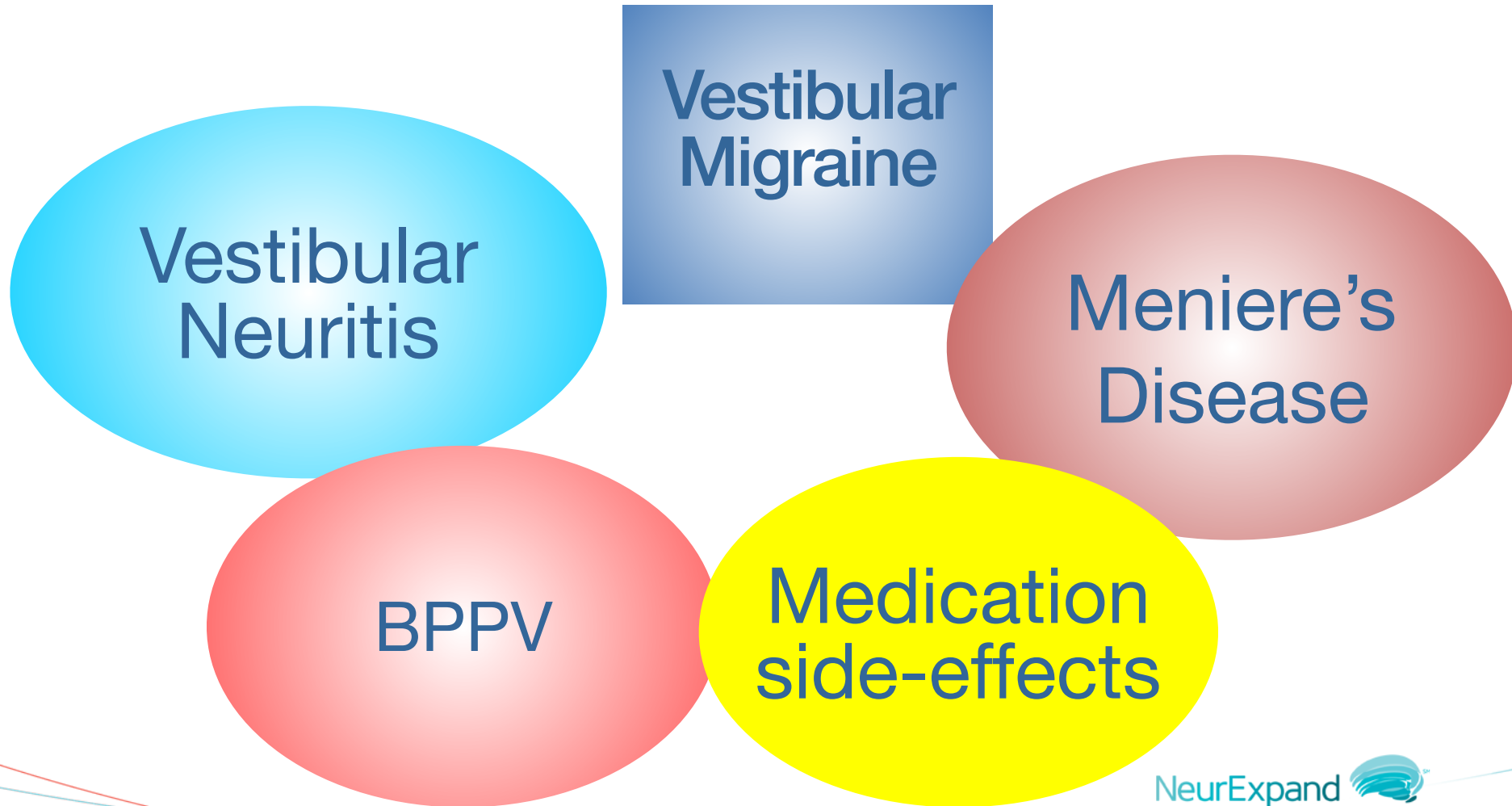


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Treatment for Vestibular Migraine

- **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:**
 - Distinguish between headache and non-headache symptoms
 - Topamax or other prophylactic medications for headaches
 - Anti-anxiety medications such as SSRIs for 3-6 months
 - Counseling, meditation training, or neurofeedback

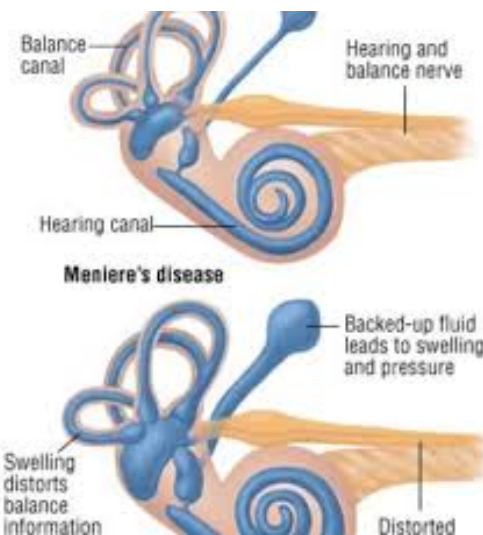
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Ménière Disease

- “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

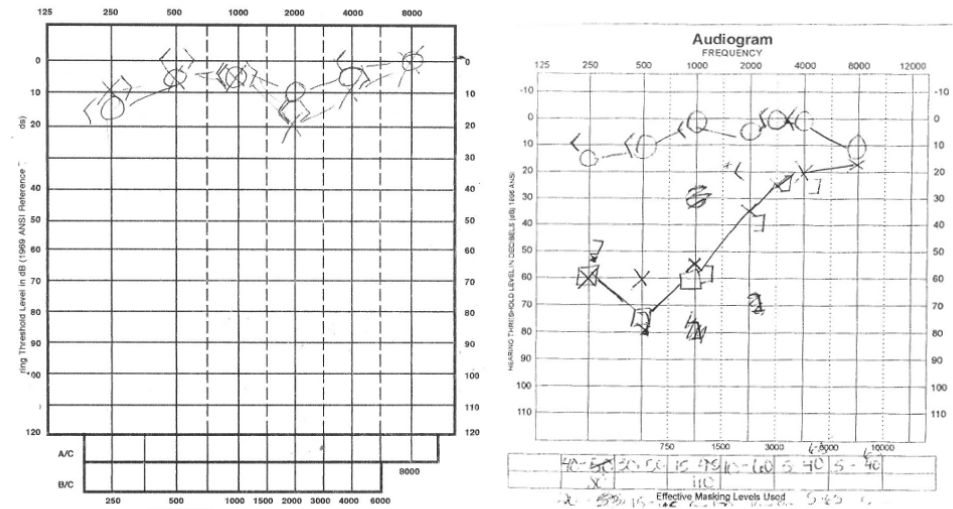


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Examination and Treatment

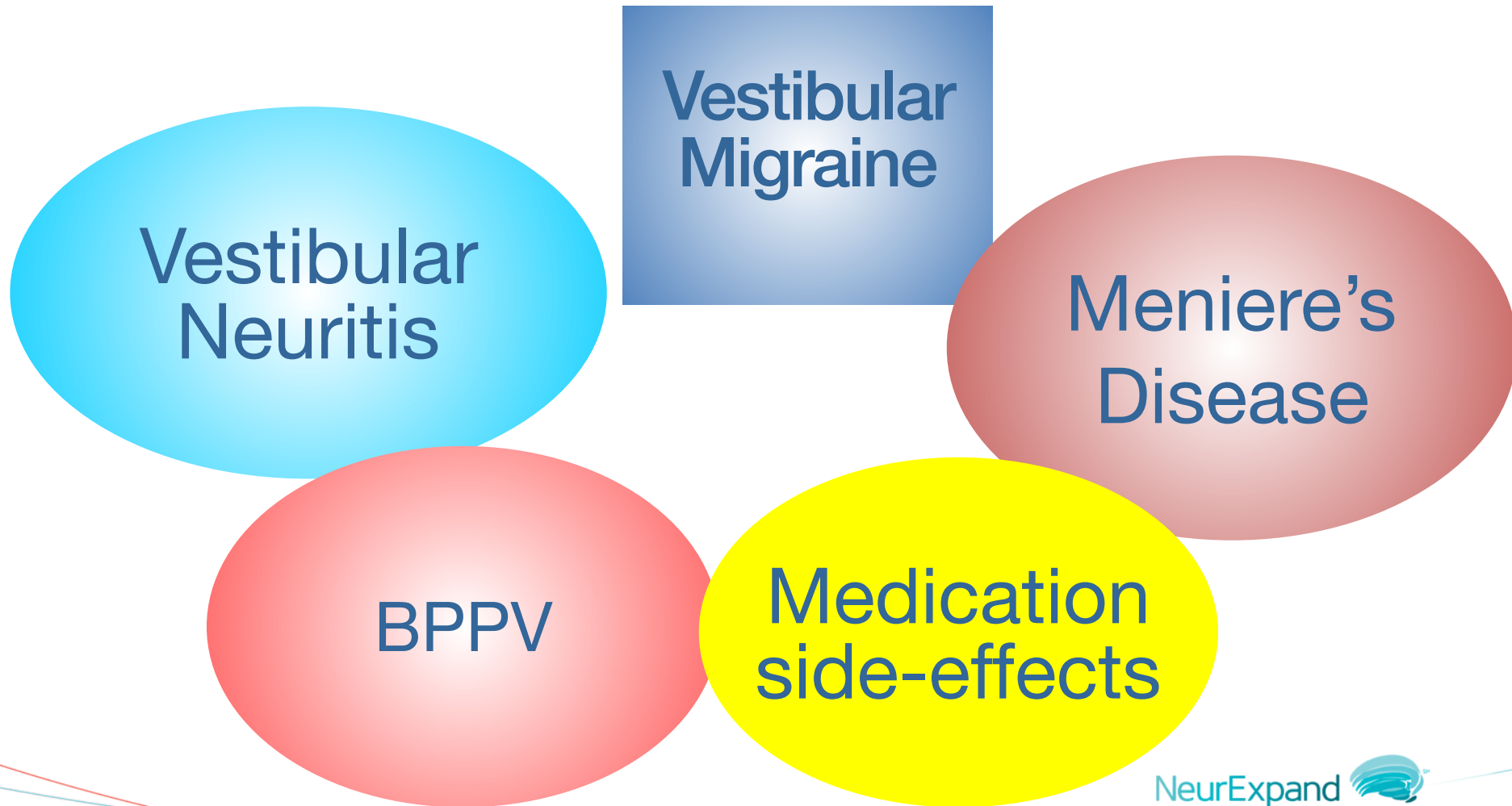
- Unilateral LF hearing loss
- May have unilateral vestibular hypofunction (positive head impulse test)
- Normal gait (unless experiencing vertigo attack at the time of examination, in which case cannot walk at all)
- Treated with
 - Low salt diet
 - Acetazolamide
 - Clonazepam (for acute vertigo attacks)

Meniere's Disease



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

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Dizziness and Vertigo are treatable conditions

- Important to make the right diagnosis
- Treatment depends on the specific diagnosis
- More than 99% patients can expect significant improvement in their symptoms



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