



Cefalea in età pediatrica



Le dimensioni del problema:

- ☞ una cefalea ricorrente è causa di sofferenza e disabilità per circa il 40% dei bambini e degli adolescenti
- ☞ Rapporto maschi-femmine: 1.5:1 prima dei 10 anni, poi il rapporto si inverte
- ☞ Le cefalee con causa “organica” rappresentano quasi il 47% del totale (Sillanpää and Anttila, 1996)



CEFALEE PRIMARIE

- ☞ Eemicrania con e senza aura (equivalenti emicranici)
- ☞ Cefalea tensiva
- ☞ Cefalea a grappolo
- ☞ Altre forme di cefalea primaria



CEFALEE SECONDARIE

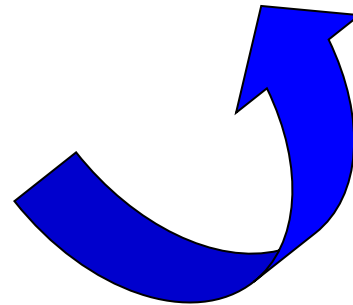
- ☞ Processi infiammatori a carico di strutture non nervose (sinusiti, otiti, “febbre”)
- ☞ Meningite
- ☞ Anemie
- ☞ Anomalie vascolari cerebrali (angiomi, MAV)
- ☞ Tumori cerebrali e idrocefalo
- ☞ Emorragia subaracnoidea
- ☞ Trombosi dei seni venosi cerebrali
- ☞ Pseudotumor cerebri
- ☞ Malocclusione dentaria
- ☞ Traumi cranici
- ☞ Iperensione arteriosa
- ☞ Malattie metaboliche (MELAS)



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L' emicrania è di gran lunga più frequente della cefalea tensiva fino a 9-10 anni (rapporto di 4:1 circa), mentre successivamente la prevalenza della cefalea tensiva aumenta fino a diventare superiore a quella dell'emicrania in età adulta





Migraine without aura

Diagnostic criteria:

- A. At least five attacks¹ fulfilling criteria B–D
- B. Headache attacks lasting 4-72 hours (untreated or unsuccessfully treated)^{2,3}
- C. Headache has at least two of the following four characteristics:
 - 1. unilateral location
 - 2. pulsating quality
 - 3. moderate or severe pain intensity
 - 4. aggravation by or causing avoidance of routine physical activity (e.g. walking or climbing stairs)
- D. During headache at least one of the following:
 - 1. nausea and/or vomiting
 - 2. photophobia and phonophobia
- E. Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis

Notes:

- 1. One or a few migraine attacks may be difficult to distinguish from symptomatic migraine-like attacks. Furthermore, the nature of a single or a few attacks may be difficult to understand. Therefore, at least five attacks are required. Individuals who otherwise meet criteria for 1.1 *Migraine without aura* but have had fewer than five attacks, should be coded 1.5.1 *Probable migraine without aura*.
- 2. When the patient falls asleep during a migraine attack and wakes up without it, duration of the attack is reckoned until the time of awakening.
- 3. In children and adolescents (aged under 18 years), attacks may last 2-72 hours (the evidence for untreated durations of less than 2 hours in children has not been substantiated).

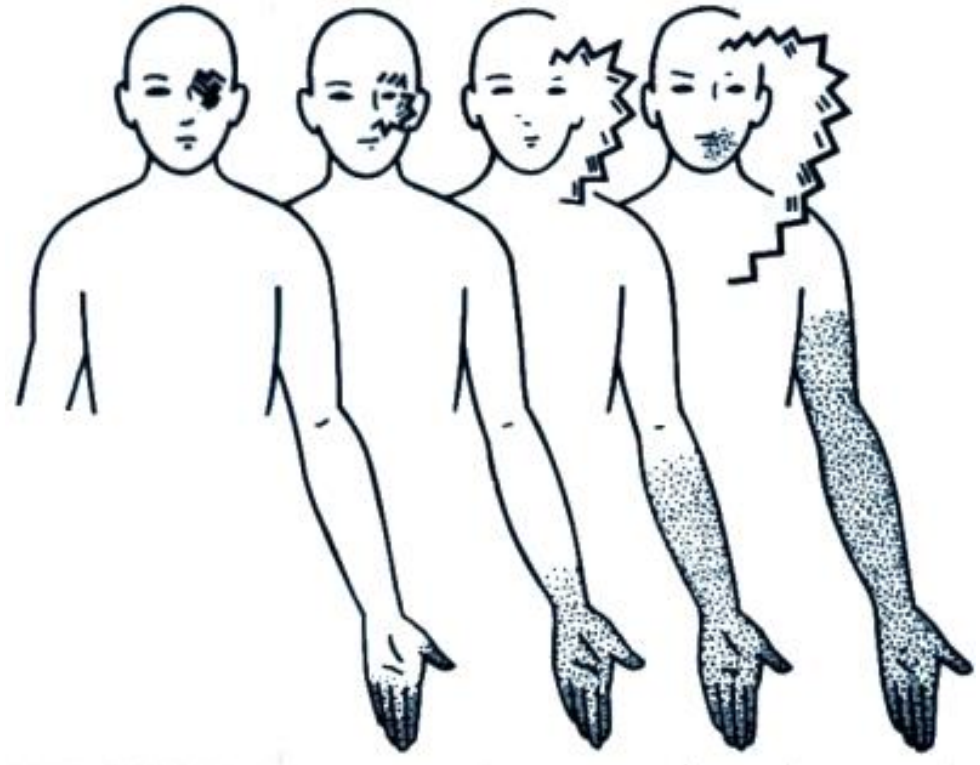
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Migraine with aura

Diagnostic criteria:

- A. At least two attacks fulfilling criteria B and C
- B. One or more of the following fully reversible aura symptoms:
 1. visual
 2. sensory
 3. speech and/or language
 4. motor
 5. brainstem
 6. retinal
- C. At least two of the following four characteristics:
 1. at least one aura symptom spreads gradually over ≥ 5 minutes, and/or two or more symptoms occur in succession
 2. each individual aura symptom lasts 5-60 minutes¹
 3. at least one aura symptom is unilateral²
 4. the aura is accompanied, or followed within 60 minutes, by headache
- D. Not better accounted for by another ICHD-3 diagnosis, and transient ischaemic attack has been excluded



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Emicrania senza e con aura nei bambini

- ☞ Il dolore è spesso bilaterale (può essere unilaterale anche nella cefalea tensiva)
- ☞ Il dolore è spesso di tipo costrittivo/gravativo
- ☞ La durata è variabile (anche < 2 ore)
- ☞ **In genere il dolore è intenso e interferisce con le attività quotidiane del bambino**



1.6 Episodic syndromes that may be associated with migraine

1.6.1 Recurrent gastrointestinal disturbance

1.6.1.1 Cyclic vomiting syndrome

1.6.1.2 Abdominal migraine

1.6.2 Benign paroxysmal vertigo

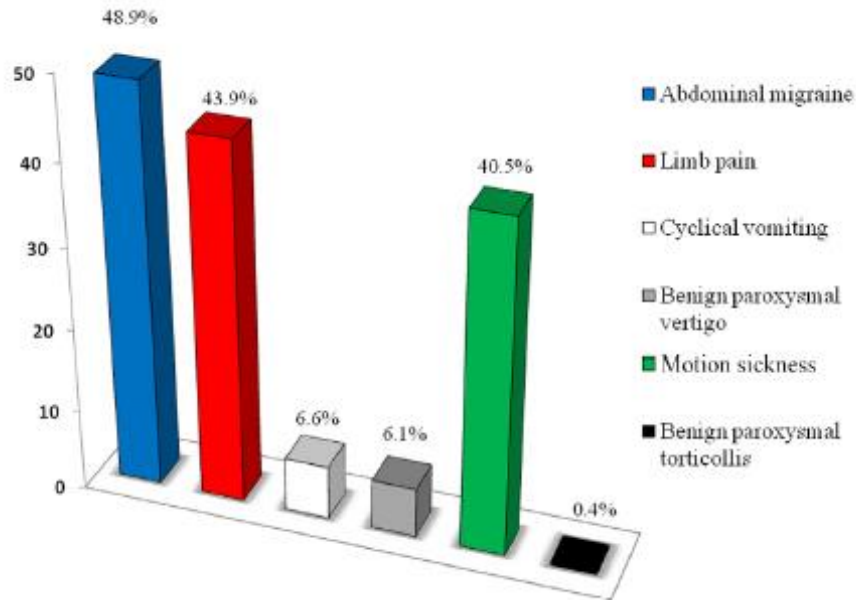
1.6.3 Benign paroxysmal torticollis



Original Article

Migraine Equivalents as Part of Migraine Syndrome in Childhood

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No different distribution between migraine and TTH

Distribution of Migraine Equivalents (%) versus Headache Diagnosis According to International Classification of Headache Disorders, Third Edition, Beta Version¹

Migraine Equivalents	Migraine Without Aura	Migraine With Aura	Chronic Migraine	Infrequent Tension-type Headache	Frequent Tension-type Headache	Chronic Tension-type Headache
Abdominal migraine	22.4	2.3	3.6	1.8	6.1	1.7
Limb pain	21.1	2.0	2.9	1.4	5.7	1.0
Motion sickness	20.7	2.0	2.1	1.4	4.0	1.4
Cyclical vomiting	4.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3
Benign paroxysmal vertigo	2.6	0.0	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.2
Benign paroxysmal torticollis	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Children with migraine equivalents had higher frequency of migraine attacks

Logistic Regression Results

Parameter	P value
Dependent variable: frequency (reference high frequency)	
No equivalents	0.038*
Number of equivalents	0.686
Dependent variable: presence of equivalents (reference Yes)	
No photophobia	0.386
No phonophobia	0.040*
No nausea	0.691
No vomiting	0.786
Dependent variable: motion sickness (reference Yes)	
No photophobia	0.492
No phonophobia	0.000*
No nausea	0.061
No vomiting	0.010*
Dependent variable: cyclical vomiting (reference Yes)	
No photophobia	0.385
No phonophobia	0.424
No nausea	0.787
No vomiting	0.005*

* $P \leq 0.05$.



Cluster headache

Diagnostic criteria:

- A. At least five attacks fulfilling criteria B–D
- B. Severe or very severe unilateral orbital, supraorbital and/or temporal pain lasting 15–180 minutes (when untreated)¹
- C. Either or both of the following:
 - 1. at least one of the following symptoms or signs, ipsilateral to the headache:
 - a) conjunctival injection and/or lacrimation
 - b) nasal congestion and/or rhinorrhoea
 - c) eyelid oedema
 - d) forehead and facial sweating
 - e) forehead and facial flushing
 - f) sensation of fullness in the ear
 - g) miosis and/or ptosis
 - 2. a sense of restlessness or agitation
- D. Attacks have a frequency between one every other day and eight per day for more than half of the time when the disorder is active

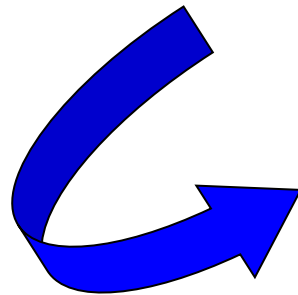


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Gestione del paziente cefalalgico

- ☞ Screening di base (anamnesi, esame obiettivo internistico e neurologico)
- ☞ Eventuali esami strumentali
- ☞ Consegna del diario



- ☞ Controllo dopo 2 mesi
- ☞ Diagnosi definitiva
- ☞ Eventuale terapia



Terapia dell' attacco acuto (va iniziata il prima possibile)

- ☞ Ibuprofene → prima scelta
- ☞ Paracetamolo, aspirina e altri FANS
- ☞ Indometacina
- ☞ Triptani → solo il sumatriptan 10 spray è autorizzato al di sotto dei 18 anni

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Triptans other than sumatriptan in child and adolescent migraine: literature review

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Abortive drugs used for migraine in children and adolescents are usually the same as those used in adults. Only a few studies have assessed the efficacy of triptans other than sumatriptan in pediatric migraine. This systematic review describes the evidence concerning the efficacy and tolerability of these triptans. The PubMed research produced 481 results and only seven studies were randomized controlled trials. A total of 11 articles were reviewed. Zolmitriptan and rizatriptan were superior to placebo in most studies. Almotriptan demonstrated a high profile of tolerability. A single study of eletriptan demonstrated no statistical difference between this drug and placebo in terms of both efficacy and tolerability. All studies have reported a good triptan safety profile. The conflicting data regarding triptan efficacy are probably due to differences in populations, methodologies and efficacy measures among the different studies. Triptans are an important option in the symptomatic treatment of childhood and adolescent migraine.

KEYWORDS: adolescent migraine • almotriptan • childhood migraine • eletriptan • frovatriptan • pediatric migraine • rizatriptan • symptomatic treatment • triptans • zolmitriptan



Terapia di profilassi dell'emicrania:

1) quando?

- ☞ Numero di attacchi ≥ 4 /mese
- ☞ Crisi di durata > 4 ore
- ☞ Crisi di intensità medio-grave
- ☞ La terapia sintomatica non dà risultati soddisfacenti
- ☞ La terapia sintomatica dà effetti collaterali importanti
- ☞ Dopo almeno 2 mesi di osservazione

La cefalea interferisce con le normali attività quotidiane del bambino



Terapia di profilassi dell' emicrania:

2) come?

- ☞ Calcio-antagonisti (flunarizina)
- ☞ Beta-bloccanti (propranololo)
- ☞ Antidepressivi (amitriptilina, SSRI)
- ☞ Antiepilettici (valproato, gabapentin, topiramato)
- ☞ 5-Idrossitriptofano
- ☞ Diidroergotamina
- ☞ Magnesio
- ☞ Naprossene → emicrania legata al ciclo mestruale