

# Chronic Migraine Management

This playbook outlines strategies for managing chronic migraine headaches. It includes identification of migraine types, avoidance of triggers, implementation of treatments, and development of coping strategies to mitigate the frequency and severity of migraines.

## Step 1: **Learn Types**

Research and understand the different types of migraines, such as with or without aura, chronic, episodic, and status migrainosus. Recognize symptom patterns specific to your experiences.

## Step 2: **Identify Triggers**

Keep a headache diary to note potential migraine triggers. Common triggers include stress, certain foods, sensory stimuli, changes in sleep patterns, or hormonal changes.

## Step 3: **Avoid Triggers**

Develop personalized strategies to avoid known triggers. This may include dietary changes, stress management techniques, regular sleep schedules, and avoiding sensory overload.

## Step 4: **Seek Treatment**

Consult with a healthcare provider to explore treatment options which may include medications, neuromodulation devices, botox injections, or lifestyle alterations.

## **Step 5: Implement Treatments**

Once a treatment plan is established, follow it consistently. This may involve taking preventive medications daily, learning to use acute treatment at the onset of migraine, or engaging in regular physical activity.

## **Step 6: Adopt Coping**

Learn and practice coping mechanisms to reduce the impact of migraines when they occur. Techniques may include relaxation exercises, biofeedback, cognitive behavioral therapy, or engaging in supportive communities.

## **Step 7: Assess & Adjust**

Regularly review the effectiveness of your management strategies and treatments with a healthcare provider. Adjust the plan as needed to improve migraine control.

# **General Notes**

## **Professional Guidance**

Always consult with a healthcare provider for a personalized approach to migraine management, especially when considering the use of medications or other treatments.

## **Emergency Situations**

Recognize signs of more serious conditions (e.g., stroke or aneurysm) that may mimic or accompany migraines. Seek immediate medical attention if experiencing symptoms such as sudden/severe headache, vision loss, or confusion.

## **Support Networks**

Consider joining support groups and networks for individuals with chronic migraines to share experiences, information, and receive psychological support.

## **Lifestyle Importance**

Maintain a healthy lifestyle with regular exercise, balanced diet, and adequate hydration to potentially reduce the frequency of migraines.

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