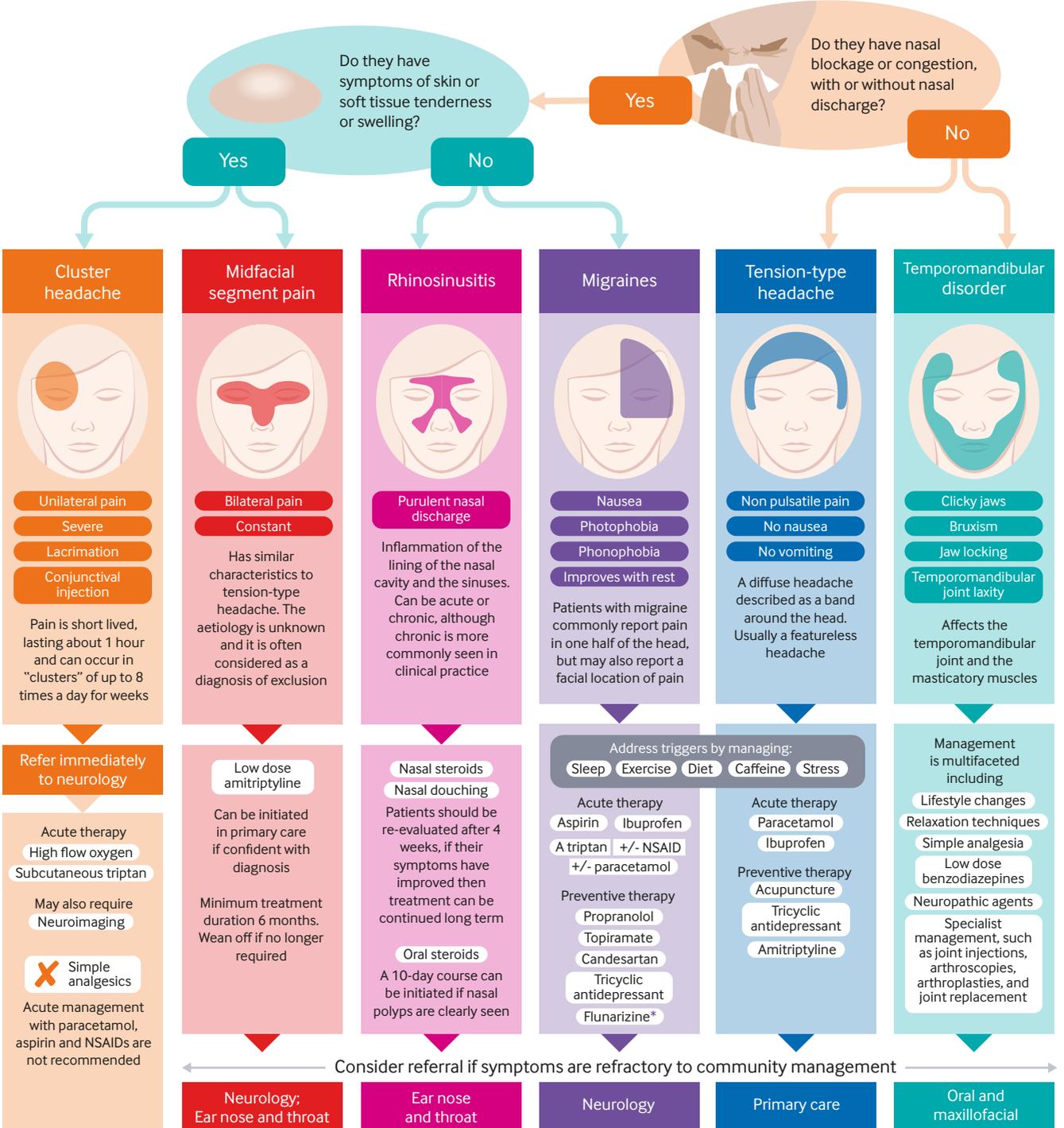


Identification and initial management

Chronic orofacial pain (lasting more than 12 weeks) can be debilitating for patients. After this time, primary care treatments have often been exhausted, and referral is an obvious next step. However, many cases are incorrectly attributed to rhinosinusitis, which can lead to inappropriate referrals and delay for patients. A more accurate diagnosis may be performed by focusing on the characteristics and associated features of facial pain, as described below.



Consider referral if symptoms are refractory to community management

- Neurology; Ear nose and throat
- Ear nose and throat
- Neurology
- Primary care
- Oral and maxillofacial

* International drug licensing varies

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