

# Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) for Trigeminal Neuralgia (TGN)

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## Study Registration Dates

FIRST SUBMITTED

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August 23, 2019

October 8, 2019

October 9, 2019

## Study Record Updates

LAST UPDATE SUBMITTED THAT MET QC CRITERIA

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November 10, 2020

November 13, 2020

November 2020

# Study Tab

## Study Overview

### Brief Summary:

The primary objective is to establish the feasibility of using TMS for COFP pain management in the interim period before surgery. This will be investigated by comparing the non-intervention group's self-reported pain to those who recieved TMS at several timepoints.

### Detailed Description:

Participants will be randomized to either receive transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), Sham-TMS (a non-therapeutic TMS coil which sounds and feels similar to normal TMS), or standard treatment during the weeks of wait time before surgery for chronic orofacial pain (COFP). TMS is a noninvasive, painless magnetic device which, when applied to the head for a few minutes, has been shown to reduce pain in people with COFP. The sham TMS is a sub-therapeutic level of magnetcic stimulation which makes the same sound as normal TMS and causes a similar tingling of the skin.

Both those who receive this new pain intervention and those who do not will be asked to fill out a short online survey about their pain at several points during the study. The survey takes about 10 minutes to fill out and each of the 5 TMS sessions last 10 minutes.

### OFFICIAL TITLE

An Investigation of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) for Trigeminal Neuralgia (TGN)

CONDITIONS

STUDY TYPE

ENROLLMENT (ESTIMATED)

Facial Pain

Interventional

51

**INTERVENTION / TREATMENT**

Device: TMS

Device: sham TMS coil

**PHASE**

Not Applicable

**OTHER STUDY ID NUMBERS**

19-371

**STUDY START (ACTUAL)**

August 1, 2020

**PRIMARY COMPLETION (ESTIMATED)**

February 2021

**STUDY COMPLETION (ESTIMATED)**

June 2021

**Resource links provided by the National Library of Medicine**

[MedlinePlus \(https://medlineplus.gov/\)](https://medlineplus.gov/) related topics: [Trigeminal Neuralgia \(https://medlineplus.gov/trigeminalneuralgia.html\)](https://medlineplus.gov/trigeminalneuralgia.html)

[Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center \(https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/gard\)](https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/gard) resources:

[Trigeminal Neuralgia \(https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/7805/trigeminal-neuralgia\)](https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/7805/trigeminal-neuralgia)

[Chronic Graft Versus Host Disease \(https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/10964/chronic-graft-versus-host-disease\)](https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/10964/chronic-graft-versus-host-disease)

[Other U.S. FDA Resources \(https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/info/fdalinks\)](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/info/fdalinks)

## Contacts and Locations

This section provides the contact details for those conducting the study, and information on where this study is being conducted.

**STUDY CONTACT**


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## Participation Criteria

Researchers look for people who fit a certain description, called [eligibility criteria](#). Some examples of these criteria are a person's general health condition or prior treatments.

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### Eligibility Criteria

AGES ELIGIBLE FOR STUDY	ACCEPTS HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS	SEXES ELIGIBLE FOR STUDY
18 Years to 100 Years (Adult, Older Adult)	No	All
DESCRIPTION		

#### Inclusion Criteria:

- Documented diagnosis of classic trigeminal neuralgia or persistent idiopathic facial pain
- Considered an appropriate candidate for surgical or stereotactic intervention - microvascular decompression or stereotactic radiosurgery- ( includes factors such as overall health, chronic medication, comorbidities) and patient preference
- Between ages 18-100
- Able to participate in 5 consecutive TMS treatments
- Has at least 3 weeks between pre-op visit and scheduled date of surgery
- Able to provide consent and complete online questionnaires on their own

#### Exclusion Criteria:

- Multiple Sclerosis or trauma-related etiology of facial pain (i.e. secondary facial pain)
- contraindication to TMS, per device guidelines:

Metallic implant in or near head Implanted stimulator on or near head recent suicidal ideation history of epilepsy, stroke, or unexplained seizure

- Need for urgent/emergent surgical decompression.

## Study Plan

This section provides details of the study plan, including how the study is designed and what the study is measuring.

### How is the study designed?

DESIGN DETAILS

**Primary Purpose:** Treatment  
**Allocation:** Randomized  
**Interventional Model:** Parallel Assignment  
**Interventional Model Description:** TMS, sham-TMS, and no treatment groups  
**Masking:** Double  
**Masking Description:** TMS and sham TMS treatment group participants and researchers will be blinded to which treatment the participant receives

NUMBER OF ARMS

3

ARMS AND INTERVENTIONS

Participant Group/Arm	Intervention/Treatment
Experimental: TMS treatment participants receive TMS treatment	Device: TMS Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) is a noninvasive brain stimulation technique which produces short pulsatile magnetic fields (similar to that of an MRI) via two extracranial, figure 8-shaped electric coils which can induce a small, temporary, electric current in the brain currently approved and used for depression. Other Name: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>TMS coil</li></ul>
Sham Comparator: sham TMS participants receive control TMS treatment	Device: sham TMS coil The sham TMS does cause some stimulation to the participant so that the participants get the sensation of treatment without any cortical excitation that TMS

	delivers. The sensation experienced is similar to the muscle twitching or finger tapping experienced by TMS participants.
No Intervention: non intervention control group	

## What is the study measuring?

### PRIMARY OUTCOME MEASURES

Outcome Measure	Measure Description	Time Frame
Changed Pain assessed by self reported measures: Short-form McGill Pain Questionnaire 2 (SF-MPQ-2)	The primary objective is to establish the effectiveness of TMS for COFP pain management in the interim period before surgery. This will be investigated by comparing the non-intervention group's self-reported pain to those who received TMS at several timepoints. Short-form McGill Pain Questionnaire 2 (SF-MPQ-2) will be used. The scale asks participants to identify their pain level across body areas and total from 0-10 (0 being none & 10 worst possible)	7 months

### SECONDARY OUTCOME MEASURES

Outcome Measure	Measure Description	Time Frame
Length of altered pain	A secondary objective is to establish how long the effects of TMS last. This will be done by comparing self-reported pain scores prior to TMS, after TMS	7 months

and at several timepoints thereafter in those who recieved the treatment. Short-form McGill Pain Questionnaire 2 (SF-MPQ-2) will be used. The scale asks participants to identify their pain level across body areas and total from 0-10 (0 being none & 10 worst possible)

## Collaborators and Investigators

This is where you will find people and organizations involved with this study.

### SPONSOR

**Carilion Clinic**

### COLLABORATORS

No information provided

### INVESTIGATORS

Principal Investigator: Mark Witcher, MD, PhD, Surgeon

## Publications

The person responsible for entering information about the study voluntarily provides these publications. These may be about anything related to the study.

### GENERAL PUBLICATIONS



No publications available

\* Find [Publications about Study Results](#) and related [Pubmed Publications](#) in the “Results” section of the study record.

## More Information

### Terms related to this study

#### KEYWORDS PROVIDED BY MARK WITCHER, CARILION CLINIC

trigmenial neuralgia  
Chronic orofacial pain

#### ADDITIONAL RELEVANT MeSH TERMS

Peripheral Nervous System Diseases  
Neuromuscular Diseases  
Nervous System Diseases  
Pain  
Neurologic Manifestations  
Trigeminal Nerve Diseases  
Facial Neuralgia  
Facial Nerve Diseases  
Mouth Diseases

Stomatognathic Diseases

Cranial Nerve Diseases

Trigeminal Neuralgia

Neuralgia

Facial Pain

## Plan for Individual participant data (IPD)

PLAN TO SHARE INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT DATA (IPD)?

No

## Drug and device information, study documents, and helpful links

STUDIES A U.S. FDA-REGULATED DRUG PRODUCT

No

STUDIES A U.S. FDA-REGULATED DEVICE PRODUCT

No

PRODUCT MANUFACTURED IN AND EXPORTED FROM THE U.S.

No