Get Help

- Learn about specific disorders, tests and treatments through VeDA's scientific articles.
- Find trained and accredited healthcare professionals who specialize in diagnosing and treating vestibular disorders.
- Get support and learn coping strategies, for both patients and their loved ones.

Join VeDA

VeDA advocates for a global community in which vestibular disorders are widely recognized, rapidly diagnosed, and effectively treated.

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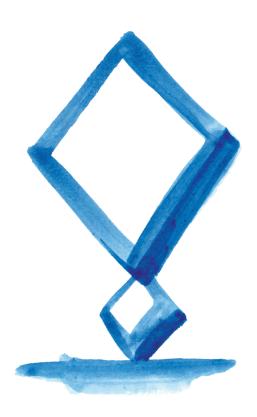
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What are vestibular disorders?

The vestibular system includes parts of the inner ear and brain that help control balance and eye movements. If the system is damaged by disease, aging or injury, a vestibular disorder can result.

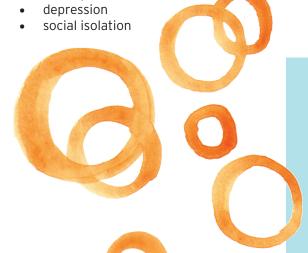
Symptoms

PHYSICAL

- dizziness
- vertigo
- imbalance
- nausea
- hearing loss
- tinnitus
- visual disturbances

PSYCHOLOGICAL

- confusion
- disorientation
- difficulty concentrating
- cognitive fatigue
- anxiety



Causes

- Displaced "crystals" in the inner ear
- Viral infection
- Aging
- Head injury
- Migraines
- Genetic or environmental factors
- Lack of blood flow to the inner ear
- Structural deformities
- Medications
- Benign tumors

Triggers

- Physiology, such as head movements, inner ear pressure, hormonal changes
- Psychology, such as stress, anxiety
- Environment, such as weather changes, bright light, open spaces
- Lifestyle, such as sleep problems, fatigue, diet



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Diagnosis

- Medical history
- Physical examination
- Hearing test
- CT or MRI scan
- Videonystagmography (VNG)
- Vestibular evoked myogenic potential (VEMP) test
- Balance testing
- Computerized Dynamic Posturography (CDP)

Treatment

- Canalith Repositioning Maneuvers (such as the Epley maneuver)
- Vestibular Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT)*
- Vision therapy
- Medications
- Surgery
- Diet & lifestyle changes

*VRT may include habituation exercises, gaze stabilization and balance retraining.

Recovery

- Learn more about your symptoms and possible diagnoses
- Collect data on your medical condition
- Find a vestibular specialst
- Learn how to cope with your symptoms
- Find a support network
- Stay informed

See VeDA's online Patient Toolkit for links to useful resources.