Parry Romberg Syndrome

Parry-Romberg syndrome is a rare disorder. It causes wasting away (*atrophy*) of the tissue on one side of the face.

SYMPTOMS

The atrophy may also affect the tongue, soft palate, and mucous membranes of the gums. Muscle and bones are rarely affected. The eye and cheek of the affected side may become sunken. In some cases, pain may occur. Facial hair may turn white and fall out. Some individuals with this disorder may have:

- Migraine-like headaches.
- Trigeminal neuralgia.
- Seizures which originate from the opposite side of the body.

TREATMENT

There is no treatment to stop the progression of this syndrome. Reconstructive or microvascular surgery may be needed. Muscle or bone grafts may also be helpful. Other treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

The prognosis for individuals with this syndrome varies. In some cases, the atrophy stops before the entire face is affected. In mild cases, the disorder usually causes no disability other than the cosmetic effects.

RESEARCH BEING DONE

The NINDS supports research on neurological disorders, such as Parry-Romberg syndrome, with the goal of finding ways to prevent, treat, and cure these disorders.

Research is continually being done to learn more about this problem.

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