Melkersson-Rosenthal Syndrome

Melkersson-Rosenthal syndrome is a neurological disorder. This syndrome is characterized by facial swelling, especially of the lips. Partial loss of movement in a body part (*paralysis*) may occur. The tongue may develop folds or wrinkles (*furrows*). Symptoms often begin in early adolescence.

CAUSE

The cause of this syndrome is unknown.

TREATMENT

Treatment is based on your symptoms.

- Treatment may include surgery to relieve pressure on the facial nerves and to reduce swollen tissue.
- Drug therapy, including steroids, may also reduce swelling.
- Massage and electrical stimulation may also be prescribed.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

This syndrome may occur every now and then after its first appearance. It may also become longstanding (*chronic*).

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

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