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### **Differential diagnoses of facial pain**

Chronic pain is typically treated symptomatically, without regard for the origin of the discomfort. This can have tragic consequences, especially if the pain is associated with a disease which can lead to permanent damage. Chronic pain patients are like a flat tire. There are multiple etiologies for a pain in a single location. Unless the cause of the pain is diagnosed and removed, the patient may receive an ineffective treatment. Likewise, there may be several disorders with the same clinical manifestation. The lecture consists of clinical presentation of the symptoms of various facial pains, the associated signs, the recommended laboratory studies to help confirm the diagnosis and then a discussion of the appropriate treatments. A description of an expert diagnostic system, developed by a team of physicians from Johns Hopkins Hospital, which gives diagnoses with a 96% correlation with diagnoses with Johns Hopkins Hospital physicians, will be presented.

### **Biography**

Nelson Hendler was graduated from Princeton University, USA. He has received his MD and MS in Neurophysiology from University of Maryland School of Medicine and completed his Residency in Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He has published 3 books, 33 chapters and 59 articles. He has lectured in 12 countries at over 50 medical school and hospitals.

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