

ATLANTA, GA, September 29, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Dr. Mayoor Patel, DDS, MS, an Atlanta headache practitioner, is an expert on pains of the head, neck and face. At his Craniofacial Pain Center of Georgia, Dr. Patel is the only dental professional treating Atlanta headaches that is triple-certified in Craniofacial Pain, Orofacial Pain and Dental Sleep Medicine.

Chronic headache sufferers may not be aware that their problem can often be tied to dental issues. The trigeminal nerve is the largest of the sensory nerves in the head, with branches reaching through the face, scalp, jaw and oral cavities. Pain in any one of these branches can cause the entire nerve to become tender, which can be a trigger for a migraine headache. Unfortunately, this craniofacial connectivity can make it difficult to pinpoint the origin and cause of the pain, which may cause people to suffer for years with untreated or mistreated head and neck pain.

Besides the structure of the trigeminal nerve, headaches, neck and facial pain are also related because pain in one area can trigger behavior that causes problems in another. For example, when someone is experiencing neck pain they may instinctively clench their teeth, eventually leading to issues with the jaw. Likewise, a severe toothache may cause one to tense the muscles of the neck on the side closest to the affected tooth. Ultimately, pain may spread to multiple areas of the face, jaw, and neck so that the root problem is masked beneath this cluster of symptoms. Medical doctors may have trouble diagnosing craniofacial pain because they are not experts in that field.

One common cause of headaches and neck pain is problems with the temporomandibular joint--also known as TMJ. Issues with this joint can cause vague symptoms such as facial pain, nerve pain, toothache, or sinus pain. Because these are common symptoms in several disorders, it's important that an Atlanta neck pain specialist do a full evaluation to determine the root of the issues. When TMJ disorder is suspected, various imaging studies such as X-Ray's or MRI's may be ordered, and a precise history of the patient's complaints should be evaluated by an expert. Treatment for TMJ disorders will vary from simple icing and moist heat to dental appliances that prevent clenching of the jaw to--in extreme cases--surgery.

At Dr. Patel's Atlanta neck pain center, a full evaluation will be done to assess your individual situation and locate the source of your pain. Because headaches and neck pain are so common yet often so disruptive to our quality of life, it's advantageous to have a craniofacial pain expert treating the problem.

Dr. Patel can be reached at his Atlanta neck pain office at 678-899-6076. For further information please visit his website at: <http://www.atlantatmjfacepain.com/> .

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About Craniofacial Pain Center of Georgia: Dr. Mayoor Patel received his dental degree from the University of Tennessee in 1994 and completed a one year residency in Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD). He also earned his Masters in Science from Tufts University in 2011 and accepted a position as an Adjunct Clinical Instructor at the Craniofacial Pain Center at Tufts Dental School. Dr. Patel also serves as Adjunct Clinical Instructor in the Department of Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences at the Georgia Regents University, College of Dental Medicine in Augusta Georgia. He is the only Dental Practitioner in Georgia to be triple-boarded in Craniofacial Pain, Orofacial Pain and Dental Sleep Medicine. Dr. Mayoor Patel has taken well over 1500 hours of postgraduate education courses in the area of Sleep Medicine, Craniofacial Pain, Sleep Disorders and Orthodontics. Since 2003, Dr. Patel has limited his practice to the treatment of TMJ Disorders, Headaches, Facial Pain, Sleep Apnea and Snoring.

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