

Bölüm 31

BAŞ BOYUN AĞRILARINA PSİKIYATRİK YAKLAŞIM

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Baş ve boyun ağrıları kişinin yaşam kalitesini önemli derecede etkileyen, psikiyatrik hastalıklarla birlikte gösteren, eşlik eden psikiyatrik bozukluk, kişilik özellikleri ve stres faktörleri ile tetiklenebilen yaygın semptomlardır. Boyun ağrısı ve primer baş ağrıları toplumda oldukça sık görülür. Tahmini küresel bir yıllık dönemde prevalansı migren için yaklaşık %10, gerilim tipi baş ağrısı için %38'dir. Popülasyon tabanlı çalışmalarda bir yıllık boyun ağrısı prevalansı %4.8 ile %79.5 arasında değişmektedir (1).

Baş ağrısı, insanları tıbbi tedavi almaya yöneltten en yaygın durum olmasına rağmen genellikle yetersiz teşhis ve tedavi edilmektedir. Baş ağrısı ikincil tıbbi ve psikiyatrik durumlarla ilişkili olduğunda, tanısı zor olabilmektedir (2). Psikiyatrik bozukluklarla baş ağrısı arasındaki ilişki karmaşık ve büyük ölçüde belirsizdir. Psikiyatrik bozukluklar, baş ağrısından sonra ortaya çıkabilir, baş ağrısı ile birlikte ortaya çıkabilir veya baş ağrısının gelişmesine neden olabilir. Alternatif olarak, bazı nadir baş ağrıları, yalnızca psikiyatrik hastalıkların seyri sırasında ortaya çıkan bir psikiyatrik durumun belirtileri olabilir.

Primer baş ağrısı olan kişilerde psikiyatrik bozukluklar oldukça yaygındır. Verri ve ark. (3), kronik baş ağrısı hastalarının % 90'ının en az bir psikiyatrik hastalığa sahip olduğunu; en sık depresyon ve anksiyete bozukluklarının görüldüğünü bildirmiştirlerdir. Başka bir çalışma, baş ağrısının, kronik ağrılı hastalar arasında intihar düşüncesi sıklığı ile ilişkili olduğunu bulmuştur (4). Bu nedenle, klinisyenlerin kronik baş ağrısı hastalarında psikiyatrik komorbiditeleri taraması çok önemlidir.

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tedaviye daha az yanıt verdigini, yaşam kalitesini azalttığını, baş ağrısına bağlı yetiyitimini artırdığını göstermektedir. Ayrıca komorbiditeyi tespit etmek, hem baş ağrısını hem de psikiyatrik bozukluğu tek bir ilaçla tedavi edebilme veya her iki koşul için de yararlı olduğu bilinen farmakolojik olmayan yaklaşımalarla tedaviyi yönetme olanağı sağlayabilir. Bu nedenle, eşlik eden herhangi bir psikiyatrik bozukluğun tanınması ve tedavisi, kapsamlı bir baş ağrısı tedavisi için gereklidir.

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