PRIMARY BONE CANCERS & TUMOURS OF THE SKULL, FACE AND MANDIBLE

**KNOW THE SYMPTOMS**

Tumours in the skull, face and mandible often present with symptoms that are non-specific and can mimic those of more common conditions.

**PRIMARY BONE CANCERS OF THE SKULL AND FACIAL BONES**
- Account for 10% of all primary bone cancer cases
- Can occur at any age, but are more common in adults

The most common primary bone cancers of the skull are:
- Chordoma, chondrosarcoma, osteosarcoma and Ewing sarcoma.

The most common primary bone cancers of the face are:
- Chondrosarcoma, osteosarcoma and Ewing sarcoma.

Most common symptoms:
- Headaches/migraines, blurred vision or loss of vision. Pain that is intermittent or constant and may occur at a site different from where the tumour is located (referred pain).

Less common symptoms:
- Issues with balance, hearing loss and fatigue. Patients may present with a palpable or visible lump which may be painful to the touch. However, lumps may be painless or absent.

Most common misdiagnoses:
- Migraines, issues with eyesight and ear or sinus infections.

**PRIMARY BONE CANCERS OR TUMOURS OF THE MANDIBLE**
- Account for 4% of all primary bone cancer cases
- Can occur at any age, but are more common in adults

The most common primary bone cancers of the mandible are:
- Chondrosarcoma, osteosarcoma and Ewing sarcoma.

Most common symptoms:
- Toothache/abscesses, headaches/migraines. Unexplained tooth loss. A palpable red and/or visible lump. Lumps may be painful, painless or completely absent.

Less common symptoms:
- Constant or intermittent bone pain. Fatigue and weight loss. A palpable or visible lump that is painful to the touch. Lumps may also be painless or absent.

Most common misdiagnoses:
- An abscess or cyst on the jaw.

The most common primary bone tumour of the mandible is:
- Ameloblastoma, a non-cancerous locally aggressive tumour of the upper and lower jaw. They account for 1% of tumours and cysts involving the upper and lower jaw and make up approximately 10% of all odontogenic tumours. 85% of ameloblastomas occur in the mandible.

Most common symptoms:
- Toothache/abscesses, unexplained tooth loss, a palpable or visible lump.

Most common misdiagnoses:
- Abscesses or cysts on the jaw.

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