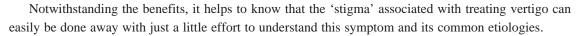
Editor's Speak

(Vertigo I)

There are many issues that are disturbing when brought into light; the fact that most otorhinolaryngologists shy away from understanding vertigo comes first.

In a field where for a majority of practitioners, the 'surgical work' determines the success of one's practice, an in-depth understanding, interest and effort to treat vertigo is a rarity. Added to that is the hype created by many teachers, about the complexity of the symptom and its even more complex etiology.

Indeed, vertigo is a complex symptom with numerous interpretations and varied treatments. As a practicing otorhinolaryngologist, although it may be imperative to be able to treat this symptom, it is heartening to realize, that there are not more than a handful of vertiginous disorders, that afflict a vast majority of these patients and a reasonable understanding of these few disorders would make a relatively busy vertigo practice. Given the large number of patients that may suffer from a vertiginous episode at some point of time in their lives, the magnitude of the problem can only be estimated.



The forthcoming issues dedicated to vertigo have been a small effort to regenerate an interest in this symptom, and target one's diagnostic, therapeutic and referral techniques to treat the cause in a simplistic manner.



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