

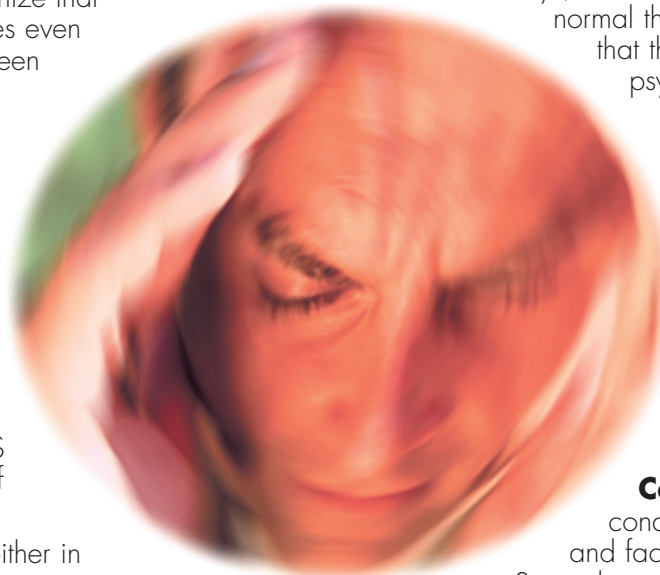
Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Type 1

As healthcare professionals in various fields of practice, we know that certain levels of pain can be expected from external stimulation. After stepping on a nail, as a basic example, a person will experience initial pain that subsides once the nail is removed.

At the **Vital Head Neck & Facial Pain Relief Center**, we recognize that when chronic pain continues even after the initial cause has been eliminated, injury to one or more areas of the nervous system itself may be indicated. For instance, this problem may occur in the head or neck due to a condition called Complex Regional Pain Syndrome 1 (CRPS), formally known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy.

Patients suffering from CRPS present with one of more of the following symptoms:

- Constant, burning pain either in one area or all over
- Pain from lightly touching the skin, even washing the face or shaving
- Flushing of the face & neck without apparent cause
- Swelling of one side of the face, the hands or other parts of the body
- Dental pain that requires root canal and retreatment because pain recurs in the tooth following the procedure
- Excessive sweating or marked dryness of the skin
- Dryness or tearing from the eyes.



Individuals with such symptoms who are referred to the Center by medical doctors or dentists often have had multiple diagnoses and treatments that failed to resolve their problems or end their pain. Unfortunately, there is no single test to prove the existence of CRPS. Blood tests, MRIs, X-Rays, and CAT scans may appear normal thus leading patients to believe that the pain may have some psychological basis.

Since the pain is constant and chronic, it can interfere with sleep, work, social activities, and the overall quality of life.

At the **Vita Center**, the focus is exclusively on conditions causing pain. Medical and dental practitioners regularly refer patients to the **Vita Center** for treatment of painful conditions of the head, neck, and face ... including the TMJ.

Special attention is paid to symptoms that may indicate if CRPS or early onset CRPS is present along with pain patterns from other possible nerve and muscle conditions.

We encourage healthcare professionals to contact the **Vita Center** for initial consultations and possible referrals of patients who are enduring such chronic and often debilitating pain. If the dysfunction is treated early enough, chronic pain patterns can be avoided. Therefore, we pay particular attention to treating the TMJ and neck which when stable reduces the chance of developing CRPS.



Oral Cancer

Oral cancer affecting the tongue, gums and other areas of the mouth is a quiet menace. Patients do not realize that what seems to be an innocuous lump or blister is actually life-threatening.

Dr. Louis Vita and his oral hygienists are fully trained to detect these hidden dangers. They employ a simple technology, the ViziLite screen, to identify anomalies that could be a possible cancer.

Because oral cancers can be very subtle and difficult to detect, we encourage dentists and other healthcare practitioners to refer their patients for this test. We are committed to working with other practitioners as a team in serving the needs of their patients and preserving that relationship.



It's so nice to hear from satisfied customers.

Dear Dr. Vita,
I wanted to thank you very much for the excellent care and compassion you bestowed on me concerning my problem jaw. Not only did you see me immediately in my time of distress, but you made the correct diagnosis and administered corrective treatment in a most caring way. I hold you in the highest esteem and have spoken highly of you to my medical and dental friends.

*Sincerest Regards,
Alan Wasserstrum, MD*

Dr. Vita and the professional staff at the **Vita Pain Relief Center** are and continue to provide me with the most professional sincere and caring treatment of any doctors that I have ever dealt with. Dr. Vita's knowledge and expertise constantly amaze me. I will forever be grateful for their caring during a very difficult time in my life, and will continue with the trust and confidence I left with the first day I entered the office.

*Cathy P.
North Haledon, NJ*

New Developments on the Horizon!

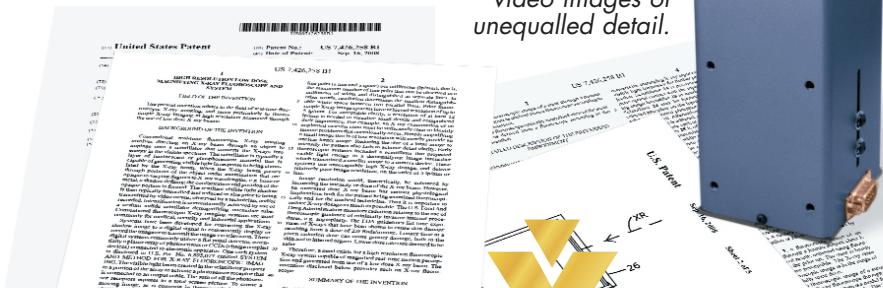
The **Vita Head Neck & Facial Pain Relief Center** is exploring the use of a new technology to benefit our patients. This prototype system to help us image TMJ modalities in office will be comparable but much less expensive than the results produced by MRI equipment.

This new technology recently received a U.S. patent so it can be used in diagnostic and interventional radiology. Specifically, it permits microscopic examinations and video recording using a safer, lower dose radiation with higher resolution qualities that are not possible with standard CAT scan and other original imagery systems.

The **Vita Center's** findings will be part of a study for the FDA which helps determine that the systems and techniques are effective and safe for human applications.

We at the **Vita Head Neck & Facial Pain Relief Center** are excited to be able to provide this in-office service to our own patients and those referred by medical doctors and other dentists. Patients will benefit from a quicker and more accurate diagnosis alternative without the inconvenience of going for procedures at other facilities.

The core of this advanced x-ray technology is a patented x-ray image detector with unparalleled resolution and sensitivity that delivers magnified real-time x-ray video images of unequalled detail.



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