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Track headaches, visual symptoms, dizziness, light sensitivity on a calendar and look for these associations:

<u>Diet</u> (avoid as many from the list for ≥ 6 weeks)

<u>Stress</u>, or soon after sudden end of stress (use yoga, meditation, biofeedback, cognitive-behavioral therapy, exercise)

<u>Sleep</u>: too little, also too much (ex. weekends)

Weather patterns

Heat

<u>Light</u> (esp. fluorescent)

Loud noises

Odors (perfume, scents, gasoline, new carpet, paint)

Menstrual cycle and/or ovulation (or a change in birth control)

Caffeine (daily use causes rebound/withdrawal headaches, max use 3

days/week)

Dehydration

High altitude

TMJ (temporomandibular joint)/teeth grinding

Over-the-counter preventative treatments:

If no GI issues/allergy, take 81-325 mg coated <u>aspirin</u> daily <u>Magnesium</u> (any form) 200-400 mg/day <u>Vitamin B2</u> (riboflavin), not just a B vitamin, 100-400 mg/day Coenzyme Q10 >400 mg/day