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ETIOLOGY	CHARACTERISTICS	CAUSE/DISEASE	TREATMENT
abnormal processing of peripheral nerves or central nervous system	burning, searing, tingling, stinging, cold, aching, intense pins and needles, crawling sensation, can be associated with paresthesias	diabetes, HIV, MS, peripheral neuropathy, history of chemotherapy or radiation therapy	tricyclic antidepressant +/- anticonvulsant topical lidocaine topical capsaicin
	paroxysmal – lacinating, stabbing, shooting, sharp pain. Can be associated with extremely sensitive/tender skin (allodynia) numbness, skin changes, edema, paresthesias	trigeminal neuralgia, post herpetic neuralgia, spinal surgery – radiculopathy, amputation – phantom limb pain	anticonvulsant tricyclic antidepressant +/- opioid topical capsaicin topical lidocaine
	intense radiating severe, intractable pain,	spinal cord compression/injury  tumor invasion of any nerve plexus	XRT (if appropriate) corticosteroid (IV to PO) opioid

