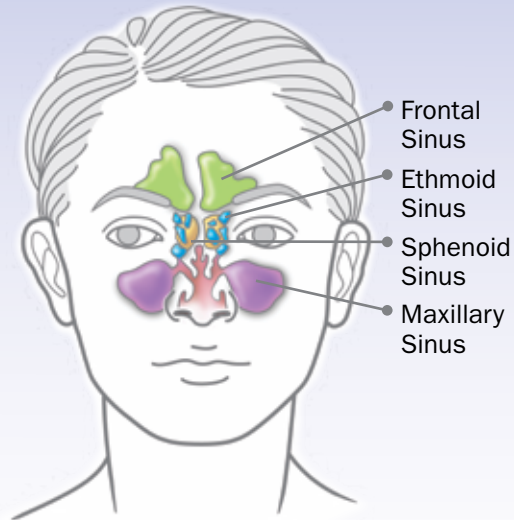


What is Chronic Sinusitis?



Sinuses are air-filled pockets behind the facial bones surrounding the nose. Each sinus has an opening through which mucus drains. This drainage keeps your sinuses working well and you healthy. Anything that obstructs that flow may cause a buildup of mucus in the sinuses, which may lead to infection and inflammation of the sinuses.

Sinusitis occurs when the linings of your nose, sinuses and throat become inflamed, possibly from a pre-existing cold or allergies. *Chronic sinusitis* is when this inflammation lasts three months or more.



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NOTE: The Vent-Os® Sinus Dilation System is an instrument intended to provide a means to access the sinus space and to dilate the maxillary sinus ostia and associated spaces in adults for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

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Expanding Treatment Options for Sinusitis

The Vent-Os® Sinus Dilation System



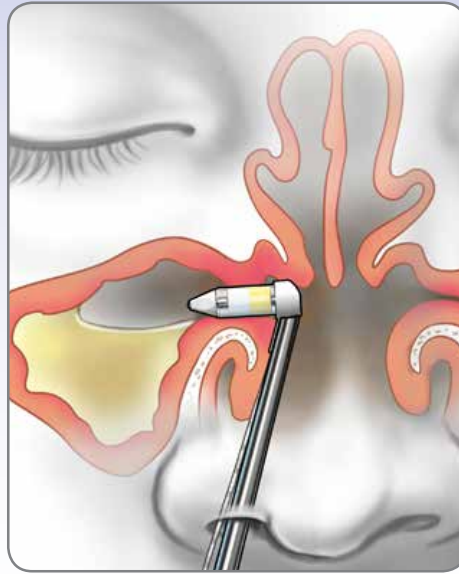
Common Symptoms of Sinusitis¹

- Facial pain, pressure, congestion or fullness
- Difficulty breathing through the nose
- Discharge of yellow or green mucus from the nose
- Teeth pain
- Loss of the sense of smell or taste
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Bad breath

¹ www.entnet.org/healthinformation/sinusitis.cfm



Treatment of Chronic Sinusitis with the Vent-Os[®] Sinus Dilation System



1 | An obstructed sinus opening is a cause of sinusitis.



2 | The Vent-Os device is temporarily placed into your sinus opening.



3 | The device gradually expands by absorbing the moisture from the lining of the sinus passage.



4 | The device is removed, thereby restoring drainage of the sinus.

The Vent-Os Sinus Dilation System is a small capsule device that is temporarily placed into your sinus opening by your doctor. It absorbs the moisture from the linings of your nasal passage to gradually expand the sinus opening and restore drainage.

Depending on the severity of your symptoms, your doctor may place and remove the capsule device during your sinus surgery in the operating room or as a procedure performed in the office.