

# TRAUMATIC SPINAL CORD INJURIES THE UNDERWRITING SIGNIFICANCE

**Executive Summary** Many people like to talk about how thrilling avocations are, while very

- + HLV DEOH WR XVH WKH WRLOHW\QHJU\XODUO\ZLWK QRUPD  
EODGGHU IXQFWLRQ DQG GDLO\ÉRZHO PRYHPHQWV  
• + HKDV FKURQLF SDLQ DQG KDV EHHQ SUHVFULFHG  
JDEDSHQWLQ R[\FRGRQH DQG WUDPDGRO IRU SDLQ  
PDQDJHPHQW ZKLFK KH RQO\XVHV DV QHHGHG  
• + HKDV VWDEOH GHSUHVVLRQ SRVW WUDXPDWLF VWUHVV  
GLVRUGHU 376' DQG DQ[LHW\ZKLFK DUH FRQ-  
WUROOHG ZLWK PJ =RORIW GDLO\ DQG PJ DOSUD-  
|RODP DV QHHGHG

## Epidemiology of Traumatic Spinal Cord Injuries

A	& RPSO	HWH 1R PRWRU RU VHQVRU\ IXQFWLRQ LV SUHVHUYHG L H VDFUDO VHJPHQWV 6 6	
B	, QFRPSO	OHWH 6HQVRU\ IXQFWLRQ SUHVHUYHG EXW PRWRU IXQFWLR WKH QHXURORJLFDO OHYHO DQG LQFOXGHV WKH VDFUDO VH	
&	, QFRPSO	OHWH ORWRU IXQFWLRQ LV SUHVHUYHG EHORZ WKH QHXURC	

2Q SK\VLFDO H[DP VHQVRU\ IXQFWLRQ LV JUDGHG IURP  
WR ZLWK DV DEVHQW DV DOWHUHG DQG DV QRUPDO  
ZKLOH PXVFOH IXQFWLRQ LV JUDGHG RQ D VFDOH RI WR

- 7RWDO SDUDO\VLV
- 3DOSDEOH RU YLVLEOH FRQWUDFWLRQ
- \$FW\RMHPHQW IXOO UDQJH RI PRWLRQ 520  
ZLWK JUDYLW\ HOLPLQDWHG
- \$FWLYH PRYHPHQW IXOO 520 DJDLQVW JUDYLW\
- \$FWLYH PRYHPHQW IXOO 520 DJDLQVW JUDYLW\ DQG  
PRGHUDWH UHVLVWDQFH
- 1RUPDO PXVFOH IXQFWLRQ

6SLQ\XQFN LV WKH DOWHUHG SK\VLRORJLF VWDWH LPPHGL-  
DWHO\ DIWHU D 76&, ZKLFK SUHVHQWV DV D ORVV RI VSLQDO  
FRUG IXQFWLRQ EHORZ WKH OHYHO RI WKH LQMXU\ ZLWK \ADF-  
FLG SDUDO\VLV DQHVKHVL D ORVV RI ERZHO DQG EODGGHU  
FRQWURO DQG ORV\7RIHUS\6\H\J\H\W\H\YLW\  
DIWHU VSLQDO VKRFN KDV UHVROYHG LV KLJKO\ SUHGLFWLYH  
RI DQ LQGLYLGXDO\ V DEIPE\H\W\H\YLW\ WR ZDON DW \HDU  
ZLWK \$6,\$ \*UDGH \$ LQMXU\ DUH KLJKO\ XQOLNHO\ WR UH-  
JDLQ LQGHSHQGHQW DPEXODWLRQ DW \HDU SRVW LQMXU\

## Complications

76&, V KDYH VLJQL;FDQW ORQJ WHUP VHTXHODH DcHFWLQJ  
DOPRVW HYHU\ RUJDQ V\VWHP &RPSOLFDWLRQV WKDW DUH  
PRVW FRPPRQO\ HQFRXQWHUHG DQG KDYH D VLJQL;FDQW  
LPSDFW RQ XQGHUZULWLQJ LQFOXGH

- Cardiovascular

C & R QND UQSIRSHWHURnGDQH DW A\Q LQD ERQRHQV\W XQD Y H&S\ DVQ EF € p  
0, ZHUH IRXQG LQ DQG RI SDWLHQWV  
UHVSHFW\KYLHFQ\ LV VOLJKWO\ KLJKHU WKDQ WKH  
JHQHUDO SRSXODWLRQ 7KLV LV WKRXJKW WR EH GXH  
WR WKH SUHVHQFH RI ULVN IDFWRUV REHVLW\ LQDFWLY-  
LW\ G\VOLSLGHPLD DQG DW\SLFDO SUHVHQWDWLRQV RI  
P\RFDUGLDO LVFKHPLD

,Q WKLV FDVH WKH IDYRUDEOH IDFWRUV OLNHO\ RXWZHLJK WKH XQIDYRUDEOH IDFWRUV 7KH FKURQLF SDLQ DQG EHQ]RGLD] HSLQH XVH DORQJ ZLWK LQFRPSOHWH SDUDSOHJLD ZLWK QR FXUUHQW HYLGHQFH RI VHYHUH DVVRFLDWHG FRPSOLFDWLRQV DOVR ZHLJK LQ WKH RYHUDOO UDWLQJ :LWK VHYHUDO IDYRUDEOH IDFWRUV LQ WKLV FDVH DQ RcHU LQ WKH PRGHUDWH WR KLJK VXEVWDQGDUG UDQJH LV VXSSRUWHG

#### Notes

.DQJ < 'LQJ + =KRX +; :HL =- /LX / 3DQ '< )HQJ 64 (SLGHPL- RORJ\ RI ZRUOGZLGH VSLQDO FRUG LQMXU\ D OLWHUDWXUH UHYLHZ -RXUQDO RI 1HXURUHVWRUDWRORJ\ \$PEUR]DLWLV .9 .RQWDXWDV ( 6SDNDXVNNDV % 9DLWNDLWLWV ' 1XJDURV VPHJHQX SD]HLGLPR SDWR]LRORJLMD >3DWKRSKVLRORJ\ RI DFXWH VSLQDO FRUG LQMXU\@ Medicina .DXQDV /LWKXDQLDQ 5REHUWV 77 /HRQDUG \*5 &HSHOD '- &ODVVL]FDWLRQV LQ %ULHI \$PHULFDQ 6SLQDO ,QMXU\ \$VVRFLDWLRQ \$6,\$ ,PSDLUPHQW 6FDOH &OLQ 2UWKRS 5HODW 5HV  
=LX ( OHV]Q )% 6SLQDO 6KRFN >8SGDWG 1RY @ ,Q 6WDW3HDUOV >,QWHUQHW@ 7UHDVXUH ,VODQG )/ 6WDW3HDUOV 3XEOLVKLQJ -DQ 9DQ 0LGGHQGRUS -- +RVPDQ \$- 'RQGHUV \$5 0P G@ à0P&OLQ 2UWKRS 5@W DP %ñHðP € 4P %ñD€ 0P N