

loss of bowel bladder control due to cervical pain

Posted by shrikant_touch - 11 Jun 2012 02:07

Dr Corenman

on 12 may 2012 My father age 69 suffered from shooting neck pain started from rightside of the lower neck area and within seconds spread across both the hands ,legs and shoulders .(he felt like paralysis attack) He was brought to hospital and admitted for next 12 days Since that day he has lost his bowel /bladder control (is on catheter and taking anema for clearing bowel) His MRI report is as below 1. loss of cervical lordosis is noted. 2.mild anterior and posterior osteophytosis is noted at c3 to C6 vertebral bodies. 3.Neural foramina and facet joints are normal. 4. Sagittal daimeter of bony spina canal as follows C2 16mm ,C3 14mm, C4 13mm C5 15mm ,C6 14mm C7 15mm 5.Central prostrusion at C3-C4 and C6-C7 are noted causing thecal sac compression. 6.Central extrusion at C4-C5 are noted causing mild cord compression. 7. the thecal sac shows normal signal characteristics. 8.central linear cord hyper intensity on T2WI is noted at C3 to C6 levels. 9.paraspinal soft tissues are normal.

He is taking rest at home with naturopathy /homeopathy meds /massage and is showing some relief from pain but his bowel /bladder problem not solved yet is

Please tell us whether surgery is required for this.

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Re: loss of bowel bladder control due to cervical pain

Posted by Dr. Corenman - 14 Jun 2012 05:39

Long tract signs are a physical examination finding. This is why you need a good spine surgeon for a consultation. These signs include hyperreflexia, Hoffman's sign, clonus, positive Rhomberg's test, adiadokokinesis, balance and walking challenge tests and L'hermittes sign. The history can also yield significant clues if correct inquiry is taken.

Posterior decompression could include laminectomy or laminoplasty (see website) and does not include surgery on the discs.

Dr. Corenman

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Re: loss of bowel bladder control due to cervical pain

Posted by shrikant_touch - 16 Jun 2012 09:11

Dr corenman

Thanks for helping us, I'll get my father examined by a good spine surgeon to avoid further damage.

Thank you very much

Shrikant

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Re: loss of bowel bladder control due to cervical pain

Posted by Dr. Corenman - 18 Jun 2012 13:19

Without seeing him for examination, it is hard to determine if his bowel and bladder difficulties are from his cord compression. I cannot tell you how long to wait before he needs surgery.

Dr. Corenman

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Re: loss of bowel bladder control due to cervical pain

Posted by shrikant_touch - 23 Jun 2012 08:33

Dr Corenman

It is a good news that he is regaining bowel control since last four days.

Last 8 days He has been taking

- 1.Homeopathy medicine.
- 2.Tablets for mythylcobalamin (however the B12 deficiency test yet to be done)
- 3.Doing Yoga for cervical.
- 4.taking daily ayurvedic oil massage.

Now I 've no idea what worked .He is still on catheter that will be removed (as per doctor) once his bowel functioning is normal.

Spine specialist asked us to keep the option for surgery open in case of relapse.

Thanks

Shrikant

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Re: loss of bowel bladder control due to cervical pain

Posted by Dr. Corenman - 23 Jun 2012 12:38

It is still difficult to determine what caused the bowel and bladder dysfunction. If your father had a cord injury such as central cord syndrome (see website), it is possible to recover over time and that may be what is occurring. Make sure you keep your father from extension of his neck (bending backwards) to prevent further pinching of the cord.

Dr. Corenman

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