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Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation - Long Term Solutions

Taking a comprehensive look at all the issues related to a spinal cord injury client (SCI client) will greatly assist in ensuring that the long-term rehabilitation issues are effectively addressed. The main concern in the long term is whether your SCI client will be able to manage in his/her environment.

For example, in terms of home modifications, is it more reasonable to modify the existing home or buy another home and have minimal modifications? Or, conversely, for some high level quadriplegics who may require 24-hour attendant care, would it be more effective to explore alternate living arrangements? (i.e. group home/accessible housing with attendant care services versus modifying the existing home and hiring attendant care). There are home modification companies that specialize in the renovation and/or construction of barrier-free environments for SCI individuals.

Knowing the essentials of SCI will ensure your client receives the best rehabilitation possible both in the short and long-term.

The above is an excerpt from the article **“Overview of Spinal Cord Injury: What is it? & What Needs to Be Considered in the Rehabilitation Process?”** in the April issue of The Canadian Independent Adjuster Association magazine written by Bob LaBrecque a Sibley Disability Management Consultant. The article provides an overview of the types of issues that will need to be addressed through the rehabilitation process, including:

- Functional Issues
- Psychological Implications
- Vocational Implications
- Social Implications
- Healthcare professionals to consider in the rehabilitation process

In addition, please find attached an overview of the types of Physiological Complications that might affect your SCI clients.

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