

# Life Care Plan

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Complication	Cost of Complication	Comment
Baclofen Pump Implant for treatment of Severe Spasticity	See comment	National Average for Baclofen Pump complete procedure \$30,500-\$40,000 Baclofen Maintenance, Programing, Refill per year \$10,000 - \$15,000 (depending on medication use)
Bone Fractures	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Balance deficits could contribute to frequent falling, which puts this person at a higher risk of fracturing a bone.
Botox Injections for treatment of spasticity	\$6,000 - \$8,000 per series	2 series of injections per year for life, if injections successfully reduce spasticity and contractures.
Cardiac Arrhythmia	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Could necessitate placement of a pacemaker, electrical studies, surgical intervention and long-term medication maintenance.
Contracture Deformities	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Inappropriate or lack of range of motion exercises.

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Impaired Cognitive Functioning		Greatest potential complication for this individual involves problems resulting from her reduced cognitive functioning and impaired decision making capabilities. A structured environment must be provided to maximize her capabilities.
Major Depression	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Inactivity and low self-esteem.
Morphine Pump Implant to Control Chronic Pain	Estimated cost depending on the specific needs of this patient.	Morphine pump implant at the estimated cost of \$32,308 to \$35,758, which includes trial, surgeon's fee, hospital charges, equipment, medication and anesthesia. Morphine pump will need to be replaced every 5 years at an estimated cost of \$32,308 to \$35,758. Maintenance and refill of Morphine Pump is an estimated \$12,000 per year.
Pacemaker	See comments section for cost.	Initial assessment and insertion of pacemaker - \$51,000 - \$62,137; Annual maintenance/monitoring charges - \$2,980 - \$4,216; Replacement every 7-10 years - \$46,852 - \$57,397.
Pulmonary Complications	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Secondary to bronchial pulmonary dysplasia and/or cardiac problems related to heart condition.

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Seizure Disorder	See Comment	\$600-\$750/Year for Neurologist to include EEG. \$235-\$310/Year for lab work. \$708-\$1,068/Year for Anti-Seizure medication.
Seizure Disorder Requiring Hospitalization	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Development of seizure disorder which requires inpatient care to monitor.
Shunt Complications	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Shunt malfunction requiring shunt revision.