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Life Care Plan

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Date Prepared: Jan 7, 2004
Primary Disability: Quadriplegia

Complication	Cost of Complication	Comment
Autonomic Dysreflexia (exaggerated autonomic response to painful stimuli)	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Autonomic dysreflexia results from noxious stimuli, which causes too many signals to overload the autonomic system, which may increase blood pressure and causes severe headache, goose bumps, sweating, flushing, even stroke or heart attack.
Contracture Deformities	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Inappropriate or lack of range of motion exercises.
Major Depression Requiring Hospitalization	\$1,000 - \$1,200 per day	Inactivity and low self-esteem.
Osteomyelitis Related to Pressure Ulcers	\$59,600 - \$115,635 (average cost excluding surgery charges.)	Treatment can include inpatient hospitalization, surgical debridement of pressure ulcer, bone biopsy, culture-specific antibiotic therapy, and surgical flap surgery to close the wound.
Osteoporosis	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Lack of weight bearing; may result in bone fractures.

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Pressure Ulcers	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Lack of pressure relief in bed or in wheelchair.
Pulmonary Complications	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Respiratory complications secondary to reduced mobility.
Pulmonary Embolism (clot that breaks loose and travels through veins to lungs)	Cost varies according to extent of complication	May result from thrombophlebitis.
Renal Complications	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Chronic infections; incomplete voiding; urinary reflux; inadequate fluid intake; hypertension.
Thrombophlebitis (blood clot or deep vein thrombosis)	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Results from lack of movement and swelling in lower extremity.

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Urological Infections	Cost varies according to extent of complication	Lack of mobility; inadequate fluid intake.