

(W05) MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS OVERLAID ON SPINAL CORD INJURY: CASE STUDIES

Multiple sclerosis does occur in individuals with traumatic spinal cord injury. The presence of a significant neuromuscular pathology complicates the process of diagnoses and functional impairments from spinal cord injury can have a significant impact on self-management strategies and rehabilitation goals with these complex patients. We will discuss a series of three case studies from a population of spinal cord injured veterans in the VA health care system to illustrate the complexities of diagnosis and treatment and the functional implications of overlaying one significant neuromuscular disease upon another.

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