

COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME

WHAT IS COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME?

CPRI: A **chronic** pain condition that most often affects one **limb** usually after an **injury**



Chronic = lasting > 6 months



Limb Arm, leg, hand, or foot



Injury Car/truck accident, fall, surgery, other trauma



CRPS is extremely painful and can lead to permanent injuries

AKA
reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD)

TWO TYPES OF CRPS



CRPS-I:

does not involve direct injury to nerve, e.g., car accident; fall

CRPS-II:

objective evidence of nerve damage, e.g., injection into nerve, nerve injury during surgery

CRPS SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Constant, severe pain out of proportion to the original injury
- Burning, “pins and needles” sensation; may feel like someone is squeezing affected limb
- Pain may spread to entire arm or leg, or travel to opposite extremity, despite origin of injury
- Increased sensitivity in affected area
- Changes in skin temperature, color, or texture
- Swollen or stiff limb, may not be able to use it effectively
- Softening and thinning of bones



Timely diagnosis and treatment are critical to receiving relief or recovery

CRPS & PERSONAL INJURY CASES



- Hard to diagnose
- Not well understood
- Insurance company will attempt to deny the claim or offer small settlement
- Hire an experienced attorney to get the compensation you deserve



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