

# The Long-Term Effects of Your Car Accident Injuries

## *Know the Long-Term Effects of Car Accident Injuries*

If you have been involved in a car accident, you know the impact of the crash does not stop once the police have left the scene. In addition to financial hardships, you can also suffer from long-term injuries as a result of the accident. You might not even know you have an injury until days after the crash, but the chances are that you were injured in the accident.

## **Neck Injuries**

Whiplash is often one of the most common accident injuries suffered in a car crash. The sudden movement of the head and neck can lead to serious ligament or muscle damage. You may immediately experience pain in the neck area. In other instances, you might not even feel pain until several days after the accident.

In any condition, you should seek the help of a medical professional to see if you have whiplash. These neck injuries can take weeks, months, or years for you to recover.

## **Head Injuries**

One of the most serious conditions from a car accident is a concussion. Any type of head injury can lead to serious consequences. Like a neck injury, you may not even be aware you have an injury for several days. There are two types of head injuries – concussion and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Concussions and TBIs often require immediate medical attention to prevent serious issues. If these conditions are left untreated, you can suffer from neurological and cognitive problems. These types of head injuries need extensive medical care. Head injuries can lead to hearing loss, vision problems, and skull fractures.

If you need extensive medical care, hospital bills often come at a high price. The cost of medical care for head injuries can add up quickly, and you could have medical costs running in the thousands of dollars.

If another driver was at fault for your accident, you could be compensated for your

injuries. For any questions about your particular case, reach out to a personal injury lawyers to take the next step in your case.

### **Back and Spinal Injuries**

Like neck and head injuries, back/spinal injuries are a result of the severe impact in the car. One of the most common back injuries is a herniated disk. During impact, the disks in your spine could slip out of their normal position and push against the nerves in your back. In other cases, the accident damages the spinal cartilage and causes it to swell up with fluid. This swelling pushes the disks against the nerves. After the accident, you may feel a slight pain in the spine area.

If you do not seek medical treatment, you can be left with debilitating injuries. In some cases, you could lose control of your feet, hands, and arms. Injuries to the spinal areas can also leave a victim permanently paralyzed. In severe accidents, you will need years of rehabilitation care to fully recover from spinal injuries.

### **Extremity Injuries**

Your lower extremities are the most vulnerable to car crash injuries. In a car accident, the thighs, hips, knees, and ankles can be injured by the crash. These injuries are most common in front-end collisions where the steering wheel, engine, or other components can cause major injuries. In the most severe accidents, you can be permanently affected by these injuries. That is why it is important to get proper medical care as soon as possible.

### **A Car Accident Lawyer Can Help You Get Compensation**

If you are experiencing any of the aforementioned crash injuries, you will want to speak to one of our personal injury lawyers. Any accident can put a strain on your financial and physical well-being. At Rebenack Aronow & Mascolo, L.L.P, we can help you get fair compensation for your injuries. If you are a victim of a car accident and feel you have a claim for a personal injury lawsuit, call our New Brunswick office at (732) 247-3600 or Somerville office at (908) 448-2560.