

Patients affected by Neurogenic Bowel Dysfunction

Who has Neurogenic Bowel Dysfunction?

Neurogenic bowel dysfunction (NBD) is a condition associated with injury to the nerves controlling the bowel. The most common patients with NBD are spinal cord injury (SCI), multiple sclerosis (MS), spina bifida, and stroke. The occurrence of NBD within these patient populations varies but affects individuals in a physically and socially debilitating ways. Further, those patients suffering from complications of their primary condition have additional comorbidities.

	Dysfunction Description	Typical Patient	Approximate Population in US	Chronic Complications
Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)	Damage to any part of the spinal cord or nerves at the end of the spinal canal which often results in permanent changes in strength, sensation, and other bodily functions ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average age of 35.6 at injury, predominantly male (>78%)² 	294,000 ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respiratory¹ Pressure Ulcers² Bowel & Bladder Management¹
Multiple Sclerosis (MS)	Chronic, unpredictable, abnormal immune response directed against the central nervous system (brain, spinal cord, and optic nerves) ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosed between 20-50 years of age⁶ Most common Caucasian with some occurrence in other ethnicities⁶ 2-3x more common in women⁵ 	~1 Million US Residents ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muscle Stiffness or Spasms⁷ Paralysis⁷ Mental Challenges⁷ Depression⁷ Epilepsy⁷ Bowel & Bladder Management⁶
Spina Bifida	Neural tube defect, “cleft spine”, which results in damage to the spinal cord and nerves which may result in physical and intellectual disabilities ⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infant diagnosis 	166,000 ⁸	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking & Motility Problems¹⁰ Orthopedic Complications¹⁰ Cerebral Fluid¹⁰ Bowel & Bladder Management⁹
Stroke	Clot or rupture of blood vessel(s) providing nutrients & oxygen to the brain resulting in various levels of loss of brain and nervous system function ¹⁰	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% of strokes occur >65 years of age¹¹ Higher rates of occurrence in African-Americans¹² 	~7 Million ¹³	For severe stroke: ^{14, 15} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brain edema & seizures Mental illness (depression) Pressure Sores Paralysis Recurrent stroke Bladder (UTI) & Bowel Management

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