

What is Central Cord Syndrome?

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Central Cord Syndrome (CCS) is an injury that occurs in the center of the spinal cord that causes nerve damage which impedes or destroys the ability of the brain to communicate with some part of the body, usually the victim's hands or arms, and in rare instances, the legs.

How Does Central Cord Syndrome Occur?

CCS usually happens from a neck (cervical) hyper-extension injury. This type of injury occurs when the head is forcefully tilted back. The forceful extension of the neck can cause squeezing and compression of the spinal cord. This can occur in:

- Automobile accidents.
- Falls.
- Sports injuries.
- Shallow diving.

This compression can result in bleeding, bruising, or swelling in the center of the spinal cord, which is the area where the movement of the arms is controlled. **Symptoms of Central Cord Syndrome** The most common symptoms associated with CCS are:

- Weakness in the upper extremities.
- Paralysis or loss of fine control movement in arms and hands.
- Neck pain.

Some people with CCS may also have some sensory loss below the injury site or difficulties with bladder control and difficulty urinating. **Prognosis and Treatment** While some people with CCS may gain some functional recovery, it's critical to quickly diagnose and treat the condition. Those who receive prompt and appropriate medical care and treatment for CCS have a better chance of regaining a significant amount of function. Some of the most common treatments and therapies for CCS are:

- Immobilization of the neck with a cervical collar
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy

In the most severe central cord syndrome cases, surgery may be needed to alleviate spinal cord compression. **Filing a Claim or Lawsuit** If you or a family member have suffered from central cord syndrome due to an accident caused by the negligence of someone else, you may be entitled to compensation. Contact Bonner Law at mbonner@bonner-law.com or call at 1-800-4MEDMAL for a free consultation. Mr. Bonner is an attorney with over 32 years of experience in personal injury litigation.

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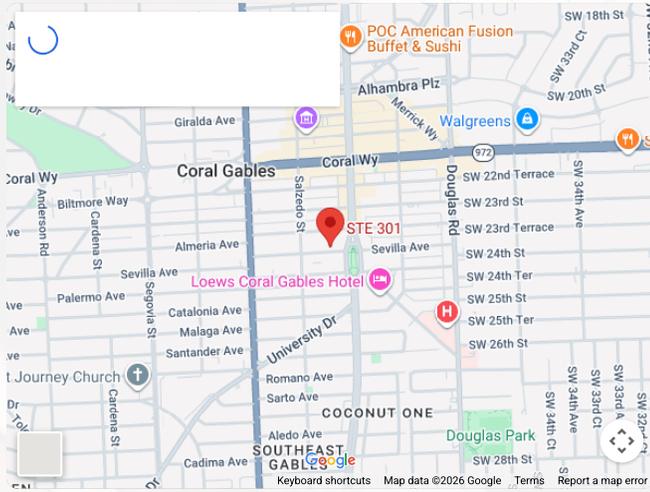
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