

Common Surgeries After Car Accidents

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If you've been injured in a car accident, it can be difficult to recover from your injuries because at times they will require surgery and extensive care. This is especially true if the accident was caused by another driver's negligence. At times like these, it's important to consult with an experienced Atlanta attorney.



Broken Bones

Broken bones are painful and dangerous injuries. To help stabilize the bone, surgery is often required when the break is compound or complicated. This generally involves implanting screws, pins, rods, or plates in the affected area. When a broken bone affects a joint and muscle, it can be difficult to repair without surgery. It's common for recovery from surgery after a broken bone to take months – or even years – of physical therapy.

Plastic Surgery

If you or someone you know has a car accident and suffers severe injuries, they may not be able to move or feel any part of their body. Plastic surgery is often necessary for people who have sustained burns, cuts, or other physical damage on their faces to help minimize the effects of the injury. When injuries happen on your hand or joints, we encourage plastic surgery to maximize the range of motion and ensure that the victim recovers as best as possible.

Spinal Cord Injuries

Car accidents are closely related to spinal cord injuries, which often include the following:

- Herniated discs
- Dislocated vertebrae
- Broken vertebrae
- Torn soft tissue

Surgery is one of the potential long-term treatments for back problems, but it's not always necessary. Any one of these can lead to surgery and some of the more common back surgeries include:

- Discectomies are surgery to remove the herniated part of a disc that is putting pressure on the spinal cord.
- Vertebroplasties are a procedure in which hollow cement is injected into the spaces between vertebrae to help alleviate pain, pressure, and irritation.
- Laminectomies replace the back portion of a vertebra (called the lamina) with metal rods and spinal bones to reduce pressure and improve stability in order to provide relief from pain.
- Finally, spine fusions fuse multiple vertebrae together in an effort to solidify stability and provide increased relief from compression, and long-term pain management.

Injuries or Inside Bleeding

Crushed, pierced, and punctured organs from accidents can lead to serious and life-threatening internal injuries, as well as excessive bleeding. For these types of injuries, complex surgery is typically necessary

Brain

If you have a brain injury, you should know about the types of injuries that are common after head trauma, as well as what your options for treatment may be. Furthermore, because it will take considerable time to recover from this type of injury, your return-to-work schedule and any necessary accommodations should be discussed with your employer beforehand.