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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-026678

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2023, asking for statistics on the incidence of complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS). Due to the nature of your request, we are responding under the Official Information Act 1982.

Please find below the number of new claims for CRPS lodged between 1 January 2018 and 31 July 2023. The data has been broken down by cover decision and calendar year. The injury descriptions used to identify CRPS are attached as an appendix to this response.

Cover Decision	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Accepted	246	250	216	152	99	12
Declined	49	73	76	74	53	8
Held	8	8	9	10	21	12

Notes about this data

- A claim may have multiple injuries and an accepted claim may have a mix of accepted and declined injuries. In this dataset, the claim will be counted as accepted only where the CRPS injury is accepted for cover.
- Where the cover decision is 'held' the claim is accepted for cover, but the CRPS injury is still being investigated.
- An injury can be added to claim when it is lodged with ACC or at a later date.
- The data excludes claims managed by an accredited employer as ACC holds little data about these claims.
- Data was extracted 1 August 2023 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

ACC has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

Ngā mihi



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Appendix: Injury Descriptions for Complex Regional Pain Syndrome

- Algoneurodystrophy
- Algoneurodystrophy NOS
- Algoneurodystrophy, site unspecified
- Algoneurodystrophy; Disuse Atrophy Of Bone; Sudeck's Atrophy
- Causalgia
- Causalgia of Lower Limb
- Causalgia of Upper Limb; Complex regional pain syndrome type II of the upper limb
- Causalgia of lower limb
- Causalgia of upper limb
- Causalgia; Mononeuritis, Unspecified Site; Complex regional pain syndrome NOS
- Complex regional pain syndrome type I, lower limb
- Complex regional pain syndrome type I, other specified site
- Complex regional pain syndrome type I, unspecified site
- Complex regional pain syndrome type I, upper limb
- Disorders of the Autonomic Neuropathy; Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
- Disorders of the Autonomic Neuropathy; Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy of Other Specified Site
- Disorders of the Autonomic Neuropathy; Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy of the Lower Limb
- Disorders of the Autonomic Neuropathy; Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy of the Upper Limb