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Functional Quadriplegia

Definition:

“Complete immobility due to frailty or severe physical disability”

Documentation of this ailment adds to the Severity of Illness (SOI) of your patients. Functional Quadriplegia is not a true paralysis, but the inability to move due to another medical condition.

Documentation example:

Functional Quadriplegia due to severe weakness due to Multiple Sclerosis

Functional Quadriplegia due to end stage dementia

The patient is functionally the same as a paralyzed person who requires total care from nursing including feeding.

To read more about Functional Quadriplegia see:

<http://www.acphospitalist.org/archives/2012/05/coding.htm>