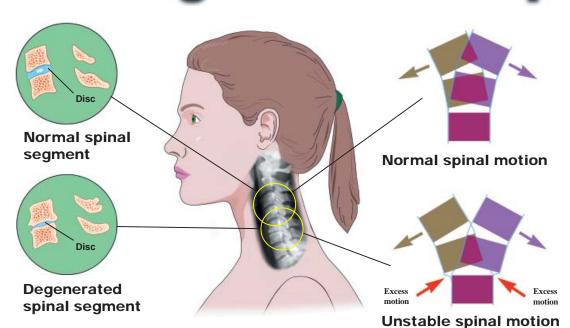
Prognosis of Whiplash Injuries





Encroachment of spinal nerve root at degenerated segment (oblique x-ray)



3 years after injury 20 years after injury

Risk factors for injury or poor outcome:

- Head turned
- Prior injury
- · Prior headaches
- · Prior neck pain
- Inadequate HR
- Poor position in car
- Arthritis
- Advanced age
- Disc disease
- Shoulder harness
- Rear impact
- · Non-failure of seat
- Female gender
- Non-awareness

Prognosis studies

Authors	Date	(n)	Type Collision	Length of Follow- up (yrs)	Chronic (%)	
Gotten	1956	100	Mixed	>1	46	
Macnab ¹	1964	266	Mixed	>2	45	
Hohl	1974	146	Mixed	>5	43	
Ellertsson et al. ²	1978	100	Rear	1.5	12	
Norris and Watt ³	1983	61	Rear	2	44-90	
Ebbs et al.	1986	137	Mixed	1	26	
Deans et al.	1987	137	Mixed	1	26	
Miles et al.	1988	73	Mixed	2	29	
Maimaris et al.	1988	102	Mixed	2	34	
McKinney 4	1989	167	Mixed	2	23-46	
Pearce	1989	100	Mixed	1	15	
Hodgson and Grundy	1989	40	Mixed	10-15	14-62	
Hildingsson and Toolanen	1990	93	Mixed	2	58	
Olsson et al. ⁵	1990	33	Rear	1	41	
Pennie and Agambar	1990	135	Mixed	0.5	13	
Watkinson et al.	1991	35	Rear	10.8	86	
Kischka et al. ⁶	1991	52	Mixed	>2	44; 61	
Radanov et al.	1991	78	Mixed	0.5	27	
Ettlin et al. ⁷	1992	21	Mixed	2	35; 41; 29	
Parmar and Raymakers	1993	100	Rear	8	55	
Robinson and Cassar-Pullicino	1993	21	5	10-19	86	
Hildingsson et al. 8	1993	38	Mixed	>1	45; 34	
Radanov et al. ⁹	1993	97	Mixed	0.5	27	
Radanov et al. ⁹	1993	98	Mixed	0.5	32	
Ono and Kanno 10	1993	5	Mixed	5	15-20	
Gargan and Bannister 11	1994	50	Rear	2	62	
Ryan et al.	1994	29	Mixed	0.5	66	
Jónsson et al.	1994	50	Mixed	5	32	
Radanov et al.	1994	117	Mixed	1	24	
Di Stefano et al. 9	1995	117	Mixed	2	18	
Spitzer et al. 12	1995	3014	Mixed	6	5	
Radanov et al.	1995	117	Mixed	2	18	
Borchgrevink et al.	1996	345	Rear	>2.5	58	
Mayou and Bryant	1996	57	Mixed	1	49	
Pettersson et al. ¹³	1997	39	Mixed	2	15/44	
Karlsborg et al.	1997	39	Mixed	0.6	71	
Gargan et al.	1997	52	Rear	2	64	
Voyvodic et al.	1997	29	5	0.5	62	
Borchgrevink et al. 14	1997	88	Mixed	1	28	

- 1 Actual percentage between 45 and 83.
- 2 Very little data provided.
- 3 Three groups: ranged from 44-90% still
- 4 A trial of mobilization therapy only.
- 5 % based on 29 patients who were injured.
- 6 Neck pain=44; headaches=61.
- 7 Neck pain=35; headaches=41; cognitive problems=29.

- 8 All symptoms=45; visual symptoms=34.
- 9 Cognitive symptoms.
- 10 Statistics from Auto Insurance Rating Association of Japan. Reported as "prolonged symptoms."
- 11 48 at one year; 62 at two years.
- 12 97% "recovered" at 1 year: recovered defined only as returned to work.
- 13 15% had daily symptoms; 44% non-daily.
- 14 Of rear impacts, 48% symptomatic at 6 mos.



Patient D.B.