

FUTURE MEDICAL

Future medical treatment was recommended by Medical Doctor Wilhelm Roentgen.

Surgical Option: \$80,000. Stabilization surgery is an option to treat this patient's ligament instability at C5-6. The cost of surgery is \$80,000. Dr. Roentgen stated that this surgery is medically probable in the future to a certainty of 50-75%.

Non-Surgical Option: \$54,000. Conservative, non-surgical treatment currently keeps this patient medically stable at a pain level that is currently tolerable. She chooses at this time to continue non-surgical treatments until a point that she can no longer tolerate the pain. Dr. Roentgen stated that the patient will require 12 treatments a year at a cost of \$125 each. The patient is currently 42 years old and has a life expectancy of 78 years. Therefore, she will need these treatments either for 36 years OR until she has neck surgery. $36 \text{ years} \times 12 \text{ treatments} \times \$125 = \$54,000$.

Therefore, this patient's future medical costs are between \$54,000 and \$80,000 in today's dollars