Locked-In Syndrome (a paralyzing form of stroke)

Locked-in syndrome is a rare neurological disorder characterized by complete paralysis of voluntary muscles in all parts of the body except for those that control eye movement. It may result from traumatic brain injury, diseases of the circulatory system, diseases that destroy the myelin sheath surrounding nerve cells, or medication overdose. Individuals with locked-in syndrome are conscious and can think and reason, but are unable to speak or move. The disorder leaves individuals completely mute and paralyzed. Communication may be possible with blinking eye movements.

Source: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

Websites

http://abcnews.go.com/Health/story?id=2835149&page=1
ABC News: Trapped in Your Own Body
This 2007 story profiles several people with locked in syndrome.

Merck Manual for Health Care Professionals: Locked-in Syndrome

http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/lockedinsyndrome/lockedinsyndrome.htm
NINDS: Locked-In Syndrome

http://www.strokesafe.org/resources/locked-in_syndrome.html
Stroke Awareness for Everyone (SAFE): Locked-In Syndrome

Wikipedia: Locked-in syndrome
The following books and videos are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please visit the online catalog at: http://www1.youseemore.com/ReevePRC/default.asp

Books

- Adamson, Kate. **Kate’s Journey: Triumph Over Adversity.** Sevierville, TN: Insight Publishing, 2002. New Zealand born Adamson currently lives in Los Angeles. She has two daughters, Stephanie, 10 and Rachel, 8 years old. Since her devastating stroke in 1995, Kate has accomplished more than anyone ever imagined. She has testified on behalf of the American Heart Association, before the United States Congress for more funding for stroke and heart research. Kate is a national volunteer spokesperson for the American Stroke Association and a board member of the South Bay American Heart Association in Los Angeles.


Howell was a top psychiatrist when he had a near-fatal stroke.


Videos


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