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

https://www.ninds.nih.gov/Disorders/All-Disorders/Locked-Syndrome-Information-Page
NINDS: Locked-In Syndrome

Wikipedia: Locked-in syndrome

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