



Centre for Neurosurgery

Brain, Spine and Pain Specialists

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22 May 2025

URGENT

AAI Limited t/as GIO Insurance
Attention: Daniel Saunders

By email: dsaunders@gio.com.au

**Re: Mr Matthew Spilsbury - DOB: 17/04/86
8 McCullagh Court,
LEGANA TAS
Claim Number :G750990C**

Please be advised Mr Matthew Spilsbury has been recommended to undergo a C6/7 Disc Arthroplasty with decompression on Monday 26th May at Calvary Hospital in Hobart due to his workplace injury.

We seek approval to proceed with surgery and as such, could you please notify this clinic as soon as possible by return email.

Item No: 51131 + 51011

Approx days in hospital: 4-5 Nights

Thanking you in anticipation.

Mrs Kathy Burk
Centre for Neurosurgery

for

Kind regards

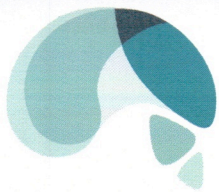
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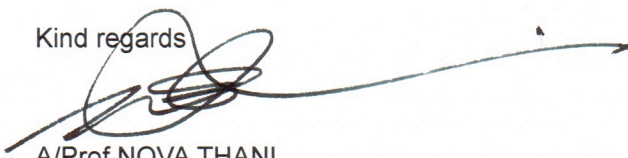
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Please consider this as a request for progression to surgery as a matter of urgency.

Matthew Spilsbury tells me that in the course of his employment commencing on the 8th of April 2025 whilst he was participating in a rescue training mission he has had an injury that has resulted in severe right sided radiculopathy due to a disc protrusion causing significant compression of his C7 nerve root. He presents with significant weakness associated with this as well as numbness and pain that has not substantially improved. MRI scan has demonstrated a large disc protrusion causing compression of the traversing neural element.

Given his relative young age and the degree of weakness and lack of improvement it is my recommendation to consider a surgical decompression and I have proposed a C6/7 cervical disc arthroplasty with decompression as my preferred option. As his care is still a workers insurance I am requesting approval for him to proceed with surgery as early as possible as any undue delay in surgical decompression can result in permanent weakness that may not resolve.

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