

* AUTONOMIC DYSREFLEXIA

- Also known as autonomic hyperreflexia.
- Typically AD occurs in lesions above T6 (above sympathetic splanchnic outflow). However, it has also been in patients with lower injuries.
- AD is more common in the chronic stage of recovery (more than 3 to 6 months after injury), it may also occur in early stages after SCI.
- Common in complete injury but can occur in incomplete injury.
- ^{This} Syndrome produces an acute onset of autonomic activity from noxious stimuli below the level of lesion. Afferent input from these stimuli reach the lower spinal cord and initiate a mass reflex response resulting in elevation of BP.