

Bulbar-cervical dissociation

This occurs as a result of [spinal cord injury](#) at or above $\approx$ C3 (includes SCI from [atlantooccipital](#) and [atlantoaxial dislocation](#)). Bulbar-cervical dissociation produces immediate pulmonary and, often, [cardiac arrest](#). Death results if CPR is not instituted within minutes. Patients are usually quadriplegic and ventilator-dependent (phrenic nerve stimulation may eventually allow independence from the ventilator).

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