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In February of 2013, ICER completed a Technology Assessment of cervical spinal fusion for degenerative disc disease in advance of the public meeting of the clinical committee in March 2013. Chronic neck pain is a prevalent and costly disorder. Approximately 15-20% of adults report at least one episode of neck pain during a given year, and nearly half of these individuals seek care. On an annual basis, it is estimated that 11-14% of workers will have some limitation in their activities due to neck pain. While no recent studies have been conducted in the US on the economic burden of neck pain specifically, the combined burden of neck and back disorders in this country has been estimated to total $86 billion.

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