The International Spinal Cord Injury (InSCI) **Community Survey**





Who participated in the Australian survey in 2018?

Complete

1579 Participants





Incomplete tetraplegia 30% Incomplete

tetraplegia 24% Complete paraplegia 9% paraplegia 37%

Average age



Average years since injury



Where do participants live?



QLD 32% VIC 15% SA 9% Other 3%

NSW 41%



Major Inner city regional 49% 25%

Outer regional 22%

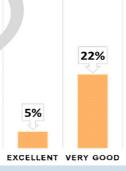
Remote 2%

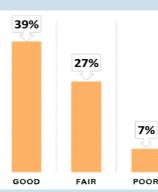
Very remote 2%



How did they rate their health?







17% Had unmet health care needs.

Who do people see about health and SCI related problems?

58% said GP is their main provider



Who did they see in the past 12 months?

77% GP

52% Pharmacist 41% Physio

38% Specialist (not SCI)

37% Dentist

36% OT

33% SCI Specialist

31% Nurse

How many participants were working?

39% In paid work (Aged < 65)

11% Doing unpaid voluntary work or home duties



Main reasons for not working



74% Health/disability

26% No suitable work

13% Accessibility problems

12% Loss of support payments

45% Retired

What were the day to day problems for participants?

Severe / extreme problems experienced

Accessing public transport 29%



Intimate relationships 29%

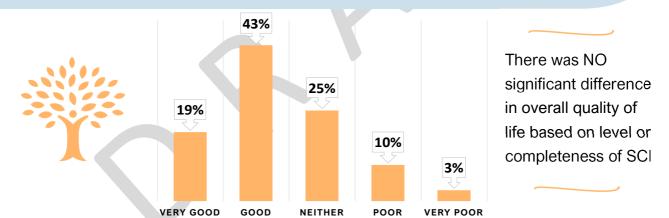
Providing care for others 22%



Using hands & fingers 26% Getting household tasks done 22%



How did participants rate the quality of their lives?



How did participants feel they were seen in society?





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