

[reply to keith@actrix.gen.nz (Keith Stewart)]

>My wife has become interested through an acquaintance in Post-Polio  
>Syndrome This apparently is not recognised in New Zealand and different  
>symptoms ( eg chest complaints) are treated separately. Does anyone have  
>any information on it

It would help if you (and anyone else asking for medical information on  
some subject) could ask specific questions, as no one is likely to type  
in a textbook chapter covering all aspects of the subject. If you are  
looking for a comprehensive review, ask your local hospital librarian.

Most are happy to help with a request of this sort.

Briefly, this is a condition in which patients who have significant  
residual weakness from childhood polio notice progression of the  
weakness as they get older. One theory is that the remaining motor  
neurons have to work harder and so die sooner.

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This is patently absurd; but whoever wishes to become a philosopher  
must learn not to be frightened by absurdities. -- Bertrand Russell