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Dear Sandra Lindfeldt,

our health insurance system will compensate the stabilisation surgery (by Dr Montazem).

In Germany we have a financial system for hospitals and a separate financial system for physicians registered as a "Vertragsarzt" (i.e. Dr. Volle). Dr Montazem seems to work as a "Belegarzt", that means he goes into the hospital to perform the stabilisation surgery and then he belongs to the financial system for hospitals. What will not be compensated by the health insurance for hospitals is regulated in "Bewertung von Untersuchungs- und Behandlungsmethoden im Krankenhaus gemäß § 137 c SGB V", that belongs to the "Unterausschuss Methodenbewertung". More you can read on:
http://www.g-ba.de/cms/front_content.php?idcat=136

Stabilisation surgery on wad-syndrome ist not (yet) regulated in the "Unterausschuss Methodenbewertung", therefore it is compensated by our health insurance. And generally stabilisation surgery is a useful operation for special patients. In medicine it is important to choose the patients who get a special operation. This is the indication for an operation. And only with a right indication you can help a patient. Our medical experts do not agree with the indication, specially the interpretation of the radiologic pictures from Dr. Volle.

Best regards,
Tom Rath

-----Ursprüngliche Nachricht-----

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An: Rath, Dr. Thomas (VST)
Betreff: More on wad-syndrome

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Dear Mr Rath,

I apologize for interrupting you again but our legal advisor have asked me for one additional information regarding Dr Montazem. I hope maybe you can help me to answer his question.

In you rearlier answer you wrote that "The functional MRI" will not be compensated by the health insurance, the patients have to pay the costs for treatment themselves". (see copy of your answer below).

I would just like to ask you if the same answer applies for the stabilisation surgery performed by Dr Montazem as well?
I.e. Is a stabilisation surgery performed by Dr Montazem compensated by your health insurance system or must the patients pay the cost for the treatment themselves?

In regards to your answers earlier I assume that the situation is the latter, i.e. the cost is paid by the patients. But for clarity reasons I hope you can just verify that to me.

Thank you again for your time and help,

Sincerely,
Sandra Lindfeldt

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Dear Mr Rath,

Thank you very much for your prompt answer. It will be very helpful in our process to determine whether or not this treatment can be reimbursed according to the EC Regulations and the free movement for services. We have asked our court to judge in this matter and your answer will serve as a additional information to try and prove our statements.

Thank you again,
Best regards from a rainy Stockholm,
Sandra Lindfeldt

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Ämne: wad-syndrome

Dear Sandra:

thank you for your mail to dvka which was forwarded to us (vdak/aev) for reply. You have asked for information about patients with neck injuries suffered from traffic accidents and about two physicians (Dr. Abbas Montazem, Dr. Eckhard Volle):

1) Dr. Eckhard Volle is registered with the German Social Insurance System as a "Vertragsarzt" in Munich. The "functional MRI" will not be compensated by the health insurance, the patients have to pay the costs for treatment themselves.

2) The method functional MRI is not generally scientifically accepted in Germany.

3) We do not know other physicians in Germany using the method practiced by Dr. Volle.

4) Dr Abbas Montazem is also Vertragsarzt in Buehl, Germany. On the swedish website <http://www.whiplashinfo.se> you will see the following link: "Välkommen till Dr Abbas Montazem Specialist i Neurokirurgi" to the website of Dr Abbas Montazem (<http://www.montazem.de/english/index.html>)

5)/6) The stabilisation surgery performed by Dr. Montazem is not common and not generally scientifically accepted in Germany.

8) We are not aware of any other physician in Germany using the same method as Dr. Montazem.

Please be aware that our medical experts do know both before-mentioned doctors, however, they do not agree with their interpretation of the radiologic pictures. Furthermore, they do not agree with the indication by Dr. Montazem to perform a stabilisation surgery. This kind of medicine from Dr. Volle et Montazem is scientifically not accepted in Germany.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need more informations.

Best regards,

Tom Rath

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