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Compensation Neurosis

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Synonyms

[Accident neurosis](#); [Litigation neurosis](#)

Definition

Compensation neurosis is a condition in which symptoms are associated with a real or presumed disability (possibly exaggerated) that may bring legally awarded financial compensation. This type of neurosis is believed to be motivated in part by the desire for, and hope of, monetary or interpersonal gain. However, many factors are involved in compensation neurosis, such as the psychological factors before and after the presumed injury, the additional effects on the quality of life, the

possible influences of legal or insurance processes, secondary gains of victimhood, and a feeling of being entitled to compensation. The condition may or may not resolve after financial settlement occurs. The term is often used in litigation and seems to be quite controversial in psychiatry, with some researchers disputing its existence.

Cross-References

- [Fake Bad Scale](#)
- [Malingering](#)

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