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Dear S Ashworth

### Request for information

Thank you for your request of 11 January 2018, asking for the following information:

1. *Does ACC understand that CRPS includes aspects other than pain alone? If not, then can they explain why this is in contrast to published medical research, e.g. Goh et al, Burns Trauma. 2017; 5: 2.*
2. *Does ACC accept or reject that the non-pain aspects of CRPS constitute physical injuries?*

### Our Response

#### Question 1

ACC advises that it does understand that CRPS includes aspects other than pain alone.

#### Question 2

ACC advises that the physical changes associated with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome can be assessed as an injury for consideration of causation and cover.

### ACC is happy to answer your questions

If you have any questions about the information provided, we will be happy to work with you to resolve these. We can be contacted via email at [GES@acc.co.nz](mailto:GES@acc.co.nz).

Yours sincerely  
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