

Chiarisooo, Research update

According to data collected from the Chiari 1000, Chiari can have a major impact on the wallet. Over 500 adult women reported their income before and after their Chiari diagnosis. Before Chiari, they earned an average of over \$37,000 annually. However, after Chiari, their annual wages dropped 34%, to an average of \$24,660. In addition, 28% reported they stopped earning any money at all. Not surprisingly, both symptom severity and surgical outcome were strongly correlated with loss in wages. Eight percent of the women reported filing for personal bankruptcy. Of those, three out of four cited both loss of wages and medical expenses as reasons for the bankruptcy. Overall, 42% said that Chiari was Very Limiting in their ability to earn money, and 39% said Chiari had a Major financial impact on them and their families.

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