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How Much Does Chiari Surgery Cost?

A 2015 study utilized state level databases in New York, Florida, and California to answer this question. The researchers identified nearly 2000 Chiari surgeries for adults in those three states between 2004-2010. The average cost for the surgery and the 90 days following was nearly \$25,000. Interestingly, there was a large difference in costs between cases that were complication free, versus those with complications. The 90 day average for surgeries without any complications was \$18,880; but this went up to over \$46,000 if there were surgical complications, and a whopping \$65,600 for cases with medical complications (not directly related to the surgery).

SOURCE: *Complications and Resource Use Associated With Surgery for Chiari Malformation Type 1 in Adults: A Population Perspective.* Greenberg JK, Ladner TR, Olsen MA, Shannon CN, Liu J, Yarbrough CK, Piccirillo JF, Wellons JC 3rd, Smyth MD, Park TS, Limbrick DD. *Neurosurgery.* 2015 Aug;77(2):261-8

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