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EFFECTS OF SOCIAL WORK INTERVENTION POST TRAUMATIC AMPUTATION

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A forty-two year old male came to rehab following the loss of his right (dominant) arm above the elbow after snowmobile accident. In addition to coping with the demands of physiological rehabilitation, he suffered from the emotional response to loss of limb; temporary and potential long-term loss of income; and disturbed family dynamics (problems with current common-law spouse and temporary inability to provide child support for daughter from previous marriage). These elements were complicated by the patient's resistance to available options. Over several weeks, the social worker was able to provide patient and spouse with counselling (individual and couple) as well as education on insurance law and the benefits of accessing insurance funds for catastrophic injury, and coping with law-suit by ex-wife for child support. The interventions resulted in better understanding between client and spouse, resolution of legal difficulties and successful discharge home with outpatient follow-up, home-care and financial security.