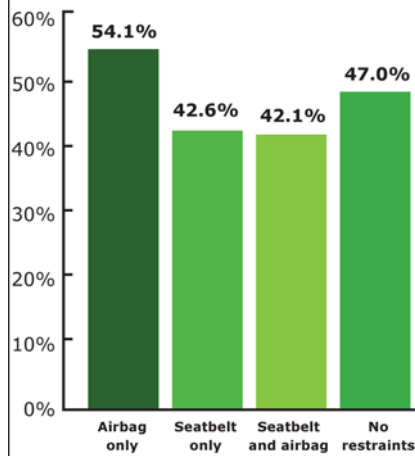


Airbag Use and Cervical Spine Fractures

Tell your patients: If your car is equipped with an airbag, but you don't buckle up, you significantly increase your risk of suffering a cervical spine fracture in the event of a crash:

Incidence of Cervical Fracture*



*Among nearly 13,000 drivers or front-seat passengers sustaining a spinal injury.

■ SOURCE: Donaldson WF, et al. Cervical spine injuries associated with the incorrect use of airbags in motor vehicle collisions. Spine, 2008;33(6):631-4.