



What's New in Concussion Care In the Lafayette Area

CONCUSSION TREATMENT CENTER



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Objectives

- Recognize treatment approach has to be multidisciplinary.
- 2. Understand evidence-based concussion facts.
- 3. Know clinical trajectories guide therapy.
- 4. Appreciate relevant statistical information regarding Concussions.
- Realize new treatment approaches in concussion management.
- 6. Be aware of Return to Play Progression





Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport

Vienna, Austria 2001 Prague, Czech Rep. 2004







Zurich, Switzerland 2008 & 2012

Berlin, Germany 2016





Berlin Guidelines

Consensus statement on concussion in sport—the 5th international conference on concussion in sport held in Berlin, October 2016





What is a Concussion?

- Latin for "To Shake Violently"
- A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury—
 or TBI—caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the
 head or by a hit to the body that causes the head
 and brain to move quickly back and forth. This
 fast movement can cause the brain to bounce
 around or twist in the skull, creating chemical
 changes in the brain and sometimes stretching
 and damaging the brain cells.



 A Concussion only occurs when an athlete experiences a loss of consciousness (LOC).

- Concussions can occur with or without LOC
- The vast majority of concussions (> 90% do not involve LOC)



• Everyone is at the same risk for Concussion.

Fact:

 Various factors put an individual at risk for sustaining a concussion and having a longer recovery. These factors include a prior history with any of the following:

Migraines	Anxiety / Depression
Ocular Disorders	Age (Youth)
Car Sickness / Motion Sensitivity	Gender (Female)
ADHD / Learning Disability	



• It is safe for a player to return to the same game or practice after suffering concussion-related symptoms.

- 21 different signs and symptoms of concussion
- Any player who suffers ANY signs or symptoms that are specific to concussion should NOT be allowed to return the current game or practice no matter how quickly symptoms may clear.
- Symptoms do not always present themselves immediately, post event triggers may manifest symptoms that weren't present at time of injury.



• All Concussions, treatments and recoveries are alike.

- No two concussions are identical, through research at UPMC Concussion program has identified six different clinical profiles or types of concussion.
- Each profile presents with different risk factors, symptoms, outcomes, and specific treatment and rehabilitative needs.



You must be placed in a dark room to recover from a concussion.

- Evidenced-based and <u>active</u> treatments for concussion are available, including vestibular, vision, exertion, and medicine therapies.
- Certain Subtypes of Concussion are actually benefitted by movement / activity as opposed to rest.
- Concussion is a TREATABLE CONDITION!



 Having one concussion places you at increased risk for future concussions.

- If <u>proper</u> clinical management and <u>full</u> recovery occurs from an initial concussion, the athlete should <u>not</u> be at risk for future concussions. Proper clinical management of concussion is the <u>best</u> form of prevention.
- Some pre-existing conditions, place the athlete at higher risk of injury.



 Concussion and "Sub-concussive" exposure definitely can cause long-term brain damage and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy or CTE.

- Potential long-term effects from concussion come primarily from poorly managed injuries or athletes playing through symptoms.
- Concussion is a treatable condition (if managed properly)
- Need more long term studies to appropriately link concussion and sub-threshold injuries to long-term effects.





Sports and Recreation-related concussions annually



ARE FOOTBALL RELATED



2 in 10

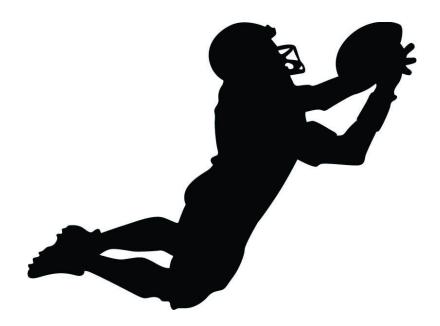
high-school athletes who play contact sports
— including soccer and lacrosse —
will suffer a concussion this year.





Second Most-Concussions Among All High School Sports



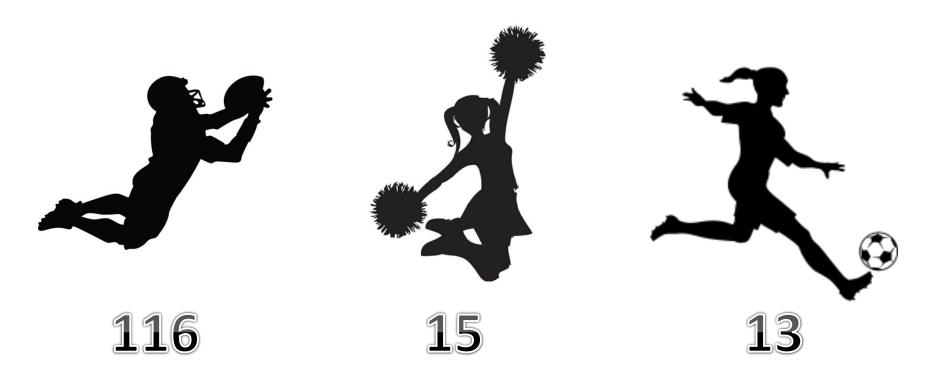


5 – 8 % of HS Football Players will suffer a Concussion this year



Sport – Related Concussions







Avg. Days Symptomatic

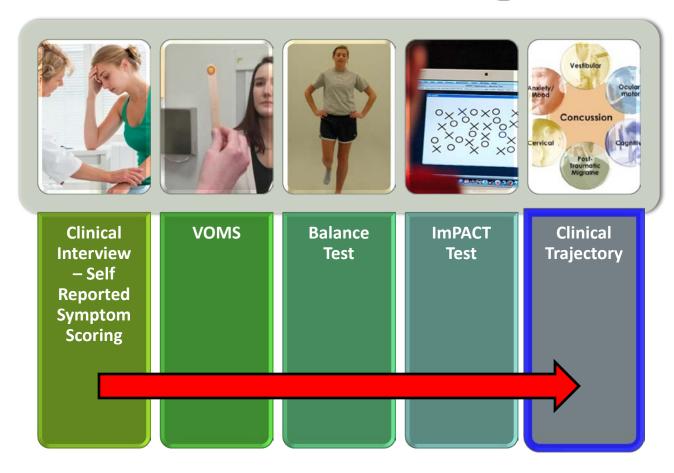


Avg. Days Return to Play





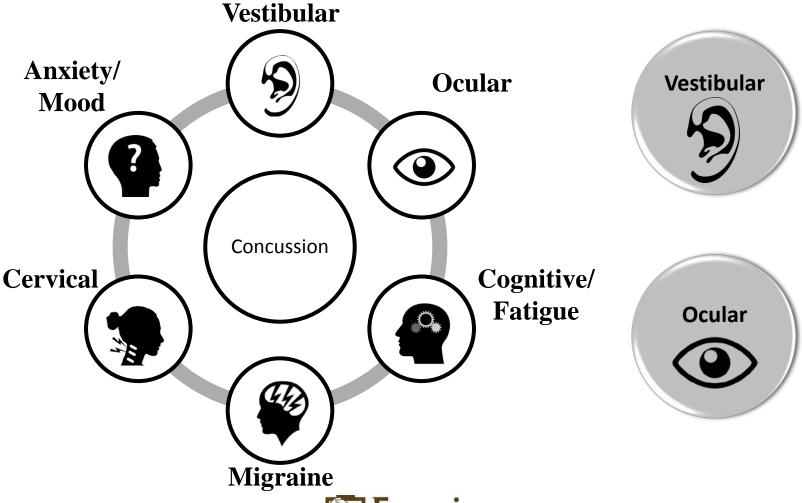
Concussion Management







Clinical Trajectories







Increased Risk for Injury



Even though symptoms have cleared, lower extremity injury risk is 2.48 x greater in recently concussed athletes.

Brooks MA, Peterson K, Biese K, Sanfilippo J, Heiderscheit BC, Bell DR. Concussion Increases Odds of Sustaining a Lower Extremity Musculoskeletal Injury After Return to Play Among Collegiate Athletes. *The American Journal of Sports Medicine*. 2016;44(3):742-747. doi:10.1177/0363546515622387.





Self Reported Symptoms & Trajectories



Vestibular Ocular Cognitive / Fatigue Migraine Vestibular Ocular Cognitive / Fatigue Anxiety/Mood

Anxiety/Mood

Drowsiness,

more or less

than usual,

and trouble

falling asleep

Sleeping





Dizziness

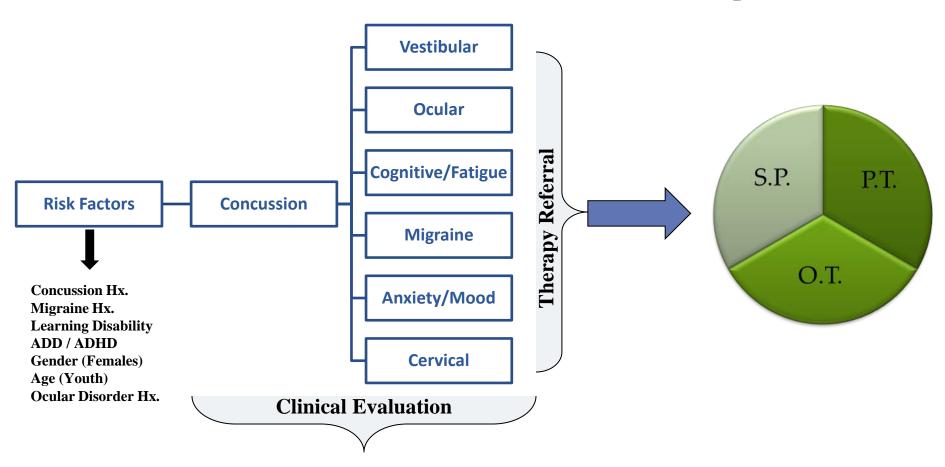


Dizziness was sole factor related to prolonged recovery, Athlete was > 6x more likely to take > 3 weeks to recover





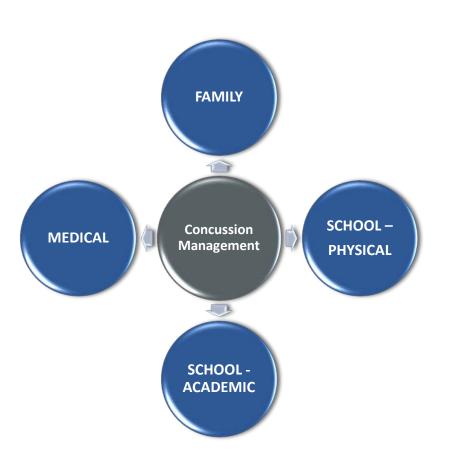
Treatment Pathways







Multi-disciplinary Approach



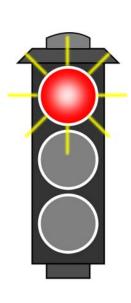
Responsibilities: report abnormal findings in the students normal environment

- 1. Family (Parents / Siblings)
- 2. School Physical (Coaches, AD, Phys. Ed)
- School Academics (Teachers/ Counselors)
- 4. Medical (MD, NP, PA, ATC, PT,OT, Speech)





Medical Assessment



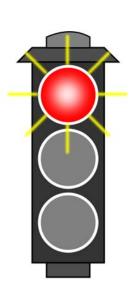


"You'd better sit out the rest of the game. You might have a concussion."





Rest



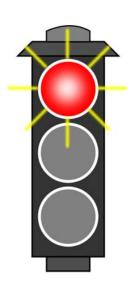
Hours







Symptom Limited Activity









10 min.

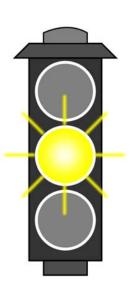
No Weights

No Contact





Light Exercise





20 min. / 70% MHR



No Weights

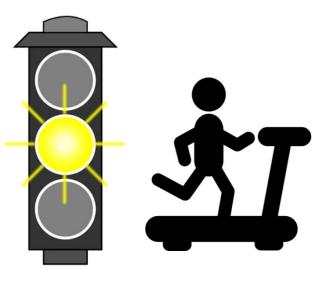


No Contact





Sport Specific Exercise







No Weights



No Contact





Non Contact Training







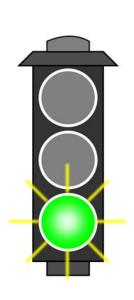
60 min. / 90% MHR

Weight Training

No Contact



Medical Clearance









Full Contact Training



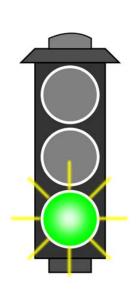
Normal Unrestricted Activity







Return to Sport





Normal Game Play



Recovery

40%
1 Week

80% 3 Weeks 60% 2 Weeks



Prevention



"A well-managed concussion is the best form of prevention."

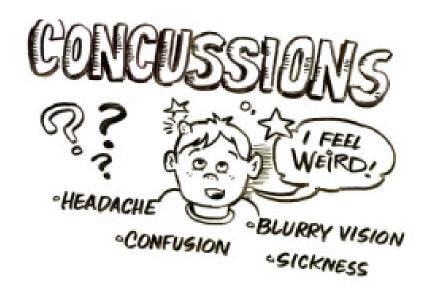
Dr. Michael "Micky" Collins, executive director, UPMC Sports Medicine Concussion Program

Source: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center





Three Phrases to Remember



- When in doubt, keep'em out.
 - If you suspect a concussion, keep them out until you have received clearance from the athlete's healthcare provider.



Three Phrases to Remember



- Stand tall. Make the call.
 - A good coach errs on the side of caution.



Three Phrases to Remember

- No play without okay.
 - Don't let any concussed athlete return to play without medical clearance.
 - Don't let them play, even with medical clearance, if you are still noticing signs and symptoms.

CONCUSSION RETURN TO PLAY

YOU MAY NOT RETURN TO ACTIVITY WITHOUT PROPER MEDICAL CLEARANCE!



Pearls of Wisdom

- 80 % of concussions will recover <3 weeks</p>
- Dizziness is related to prolonged recovery; > 3 weeks
- Treatment approach has to be multi-disciplinary.
- Clinical Trajectories guide therapy.



Pearls of Wisdom

- Even though symptoms have cleared, your athletes may still be at risk for lower extremity injuries.
- Concussions are treatable, if you know what you are treating and if they are properly managed.
- Evidenced-based and <u>active</u> treatments for concussion are available, including vestibular, vision, exertion, and medicine therapies.
- A well managed concussion is the best form of prevention!



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