
SOLVING THE CONCUSSION CRISIS: PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

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This white paper is an international collaborative effort to address concussion management, science, policy and future directions. This article is driven by data and rooted in science. There has been no sponsorship or financial interest influencing the development of this statement of agreement. This consensus statement will be constantly updated based on advances in science.

These efforts aim to provide much needed direction for concussion management rendered by school boards, workers' compensation boards, amateur and professional sporting associations, as well as insurance providers and government.

The aforementioned groups are encouraged to strive towards the best medical practices outlined in this white paper. Concussed individuals may reference this policy paper when advocating for care.

TENETS OF A CONCUSSION:

- Concussion is a Traumatic Brain Injury (1-3).
- CT scans are normal (3-7).
- No loss of consciousness in up to 90% of cases (8-10).
- Do not need to hit your head (3, 5, 6).

Up to 90% recover in 1-2 weeks (11-16).

~ 10% > 2 weeks.

- Pediatric populations may take longer to recover.

May present with cognitive, emotional, physical symptoms and sleep disturbances (17-27).

There may be symptoms corresponding to injury to the frontal, temporal, parietal and occipital lobes, cerebellum, brain stem and cranial nerves resulting in a constellation of symptoms that differ from individual to individual (16, 26, 28-31).

Concussion is a clinical diagnosis with the aid of the following:

- History (mechanism of injury and previous injury history).
- Symptom checklist (13, 32-37).
- Focused exam (neurological, cervical, balance testing, vestibular, visual, exertion) (29, 38-41).
- Neurocognitive testing (10, 21, 31-33, 36, 40, 42-54).

Education and early guidance following a concussion may reduce the duration of symptoms (11, 17, 23, 39, 55-59).

Protecting the concussed individual from repeat injury is of paramount importance (14, 21, 57, 60-62).



History of prior concussion may be associated with a higher rate of a subsequent concussion and prolonged duration of symptoms (14, 60-69).

Levels of physical and cognitive activity that exacerbate concussion symptoms may be associated with prolonged recovery (27, 32, 57, 70-74).

Chronic neurocognitive impairment is reported in some professional athletes with repetitive head injuries (14, 19, 20, 25, 75-78).

For the purposes of this white paper, a concussion specialist is defined as a licensed health care professional with training and experience in concussion management who adheres to the aforementioned tenets of a concussion and sees a sufficiently high volume of cases.

A concussion specialist is a key member of the multi-disciplinary care (MDC) team on complex cases and communicates with certified athletic trainers, athletic associations, school boards, workers' compensation boards, insurance adjusters and other licensed health care professionals as required in advocating for the concussed individual.

Medical reports, workers' compensation board, school board and insurance assessments that are inconsistent with the tenets of a concussion outlined in this paper should be reassessed.

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS LEAGUES:

CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy):

In the absence of prospective trials with proper design and methodology, we are currently unable to make a determination on the risk and incidence of CTE in professional athletes (61, 62, 69, 79-82).

However, despite the lack of data, the professional sports leagues should be encouraged to continue with their efforts to advance concussion education, management and research.

It is incumbent upon the medical and scientific community to work with the leagues to protect past, current and future players while maintaining the value of athletic participation. The following 5-point plan is a first step in solving the concussion crisis in sports:

- 1) Education and prevention surrounding concussions at the grassroots level amongst children as a joint project between the medical community, league and the players association as a measure to prevent declining enrolment at all levels of sport.
- 2) MDC for all athletes suffering from Post-Concussive Syndrome (persistent symptoms of traumatic brain injury) (31, 83-86).
- 3) Ensure athletes are managed with the most up-to-date concussion protocols.
- 4) Include the current known risks of concussion in the existing education process for athletes, parents, coaches, and other stakeholders.
- 5) Continue to invest in concussion research and development beneficial to athletes in all sports, specifically in the areas of education, prevention, diagnostics, management and treatments.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARDS:

- Recognize the tenets of a concussion.
- Develop and implement policies on education, prevention and awareness surrounding concussions.
- Facilitate prompt access to care via concussion specialist.
- Provide MDC for workers with prolonged symptoms.
- Return-to-work program with the guidance of a MDC team that includes a concussion specialist.



- Return-to-learn/play program and academic accommodations/modifications with the guidance of a MDC team that includes a concussion specialist (*17, 55-58, 63, 70, 93*).

GOVERNMENT:

- Recognize concussion as a public health issue.
- Recognize the tenets of a concussion.
- Develop and implement policies on education, prevention and awareness surrounding concussions.
- Facilitate prompt access to care via concussion specialist.
- Advocate for MDC for patients with prolonged symptoms.
- Expand funding in concussion research.

INSURANCE PROVIDERS:

- Recognize the tenets of a concussion.
- Develop and implement policies on education, prevention and awareness surrounding concussions.
- Fund access to care via concussion specialist.
- Provide MDC for patients with prolonged symptoms.

FUTURE OF CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH:

Private donors, foundations, corporations, granting agencies, governments, professional and amateur sports leagues, workers’ compensation boards, school boards and insurance providers are encouraged to participate in the following areas of clinical research:

- **PREVENTION:**

Invest in education, awareness, and prevention to reduce the incidence of concussions.

AMATEUR SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS:

- Recognize the tenets of a concussion.
- Develop and implement policies on education, prevention and awareness surrounding concussions (*31, 84, 87, 88*).
- Facilitate prompt access to care via concussion specialist.
- Advocate for MDC for athletes with prolonged symptoms.
- Return-to-play program with the guidance of a MDC team that includes a concussion specialist (*18, 31, 84-86, 89-91*).

SCHOOL BOARDS:

- Recognize the tenets of a concussion.
- Develop and implement policies on education, prevention and awareness surrounding concussions.
- Facilitate prompt access to care via concussion specialist.
- Advocate for MDC for students with prolonged symptoms (*92*).

• **DIAGNOSTICS:**

Improved validation of current diagnostic tools and further research in biomarkers, brain imaging and other diagnostic techniques in their clinical application in the management of concussion (94-96).

• **MANAGEMENT / TREATMENTS:**

Facilitate multi-centred prospective clinical trials evaluating the efficacy of existing and new potential management/treatments for concussion (59, 74, 97, 98).

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