



AUSA MEDCOM Senior Leader Talking Points

- Topic: Traumatic Brain Injuries
- Purpose: To educate and inform Soldiers, their Families and the American public of the litany of programs and medical systems in place to care for Soldiers and their Families who need health care associated with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI).
 - The Department of Defense (DoD) provides the world's best TBI medical care for our Service members.
 - DoD medicine is developing the best process to evaluate and treat every Service member involved in an event that may result in brain injury.
 - The overwhelming majority of TBI are concussions and most of those affected by mild TBI will experience a full recovery with no lasting symptoms or difficulties.
 - However, reporting TBI and getting prompt medical attention—whether in a combat or non-combat environment—is key to recovery.



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 - Commanders and leaders are equally responsible for the mental and physical well being and the care of Soldiers and play a critical role in encouraging Soldiers and Family members to seek prompt medical care for traumatic brain injuries.
 - Seeking prompt medical help for a brain injury is an act of strength and courage and is key to recovery.
 - There is no stigma attached to those who seek diagnosis or treatment for TBI.
 - The Army Medical Department is working to develop the best process to evaluate and treat every Service member involved in an event that may result in TBI.