SATURDAY - January 14, 2023
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
A Live Virtual Program
BACKGROUND

In efforts to equip community providers with the latest evidence-based guided practices, the UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT program has developed the Concussion Champions CME Course. This half-day course aims to identify and empower providers to be “Concussion Champions” within their community.

The need for standardized concussion management services for youth athletes has exponentially increased in response to California’s Concussion Safety Law – Assembly Bills 2127 and 2007, which mandate licensed health care providers to guide athletes through a graduated return to play (RTP) protocol before athletes can return to their respective sports.

Management of concussion requires multidisciplinary care. While many sports concussions are initially reported to athletic training staff or other school health providers, a recent study showed most patients who sought medical care presented to primary care clinics. Diagnosing a concussion remains a clinical decision, there are no objective tests to confirm a diagnosis. Most injuries recover in a matter of days to weeks; however, 10-30% of patients develop persistent post-concussion symptoms (PPCS) lasting 1 month or longer. Patients who may be at risk for prolonged symptoms, or who go on to develop PPCS, may require referral to more specialized care. Primary care providers need to have a strong understanding of the best practices in concussion management, validated tools, recommendations for return to activity, and appropriate referral sources.

The Concussion Champions course aims to bridge this gap and create a network of providers trained in concussion management.

ABOUT US

Each year in the U.S., an estimated 1.6-3.2 million people sustain a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with the highest rates of concussion/TBI occurring in youth and adolescents. The UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT (Safety, Performance, Outreach, Research, Treatment) Program is a multidisciplinary research-based treatment center for concussions and traumatic brain injury (TBI) treatment. We have 4 clinic locations serving the Los Angeles community and are one of only a few places in the world with a multidisciplinary team comprised of: pediatric and adult neurologists, sports medicine physicians, neuropsychologists, occupational therapists, and a dietician. The three pillars of the UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT program are: clinical care, education, and research. As part of our educational outreach, we provide comprehensive pre-season neurological exams to local schools, colleges, and professional athletic programs. Our community partnered programming aims to promote youth sports safety, increase concussion awareness, and improve concussion identification.
The UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT Concussion Champions CME course will prepare providers with the tools needed to effectively diagnose and manage concussions, particularly sport-related, as well as provide guidance on appropriate case referrals. Best practices for effective care for individuals with concussion/mild TBI include providing proper patient education and anticipatory guidance, utilizing a suite of diagnostic tests during a concussion evaluation, protecting athletes from repeat head injury, avoiding prolonged absence from school/work and individualizing, and monitoring the concussion recovery plan. We will also review the emerging science in the rapidly evolving field of concussion.

Participants will walk away with templates and guidance on properly completing medical forms required by schools for children to return to school and employees to return to work as well as return to sports.

The main objective of this course is to provide providers with the essential tools for concussion management and best practices.

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Serve as “Concussion Champions” at each respective clinic and be current on concussion management for children and young adults, ages 5-25.
- Relate the risks and benefits of sports participation to families, including the relative risks for concussion in different sports, recreational activities and different conditions.
- Use a multimodal clinical concussion assessment test battery that may include symptoms, cognition (including computerized testing), balance, reaction time and number reading.
- Develop an individualized management plan for youths with concussion, including return to school, return to physical activity and return to contact risk.
- Relate to families the potential risks of repetitive concussions based upon peer-reviewed publications and yet also be aware of current information circulated through the media.
- Appropriately refer complex patients, initiate proper treatment, and understand circumstances for recommending retirement from a particular sport.
CONCUSSION CHAMPIONS

AGENDA: SATURDAY - JANUARY 14, 2023

8:00 am  Welcome and Introductory Comments  
Christopher Giza, MD

8:10 am  Concussion Knowledge Assessment: Pre-Test

8:15 am  Concussion Epidemiology, Risk and Time Course  
Meeryo Choe, MD

8:45 am  Clinical Concussion Assessment  
Joshua Goldman, MD, MBA

9:15 am  Neuropsychological Aspects of Concussion  
(Pre-recording)  
Talin Babikian, PhD and Kevin Bickart, MD, PhD

9:45 am  Return to School, Return to Play and Retirement Decisions  
Daniel Rafie, MD

10:15 am  Coffee Break

10:30 am  Emerging Science  
Christopher Giza, MD

11:00 am  Case Review and Q and A  
Faculty Panel

11:20 am  Q and A  
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11:40 am  Concussion Knowledge Assessment: Post-Test

11:50 am  Closing – Post Course Resource Library

12:00 pm  Adjourn
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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COURSE FEE
$75  Physicians, nurses, physical therapists, athletic trainers, psychologists, and other allied health professionals
$40  Students and trainees

REFUNDS: No refunds will be granted for this conference, due to the low enrollment fee. A full refund will be provided if for any reason the course must be cancelled or rescheduled.

REGISTRATION

To register, please visit:
https://www.cme.ucla.edu/courses/concussion2023

If you have any questions please contact BrainSPORT Coordinator, Philip Rosenbaum, via email at prosenbaum@mednet.ucla.edu.

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Virtual registration will include access to the live stream virtual conference.

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