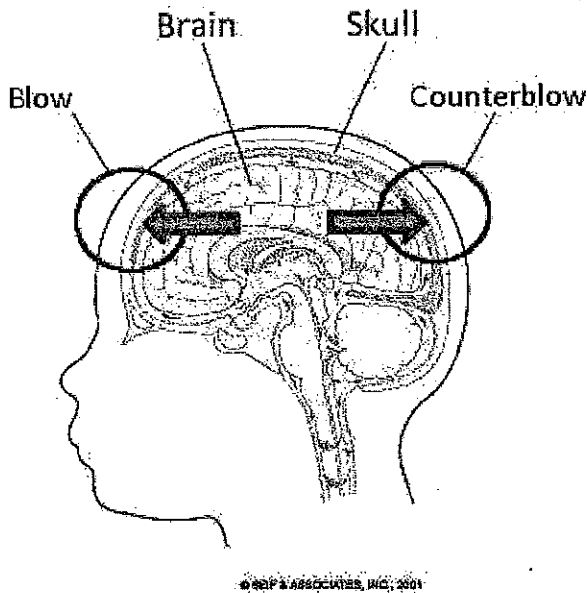


Concussion, Pediatric

A concussion is an injury to the brain that disrupts normal brain function. It is also known as a mild traumatic brain injury (TBI).



CAUSES

This condition is caused by a sudden movement of the brain due to a hard, direct hit (blow) to the head or hitting the head on another object. Concussions often result from car accidents, falls, and sports accidents.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of this condition include:

- Fatigue.
- Irritability.
- Confusion.
- Problems with coordination or balance.
- Memory problems.
- Trouble concentrating.
- Changes in eating or sleeping patterns.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Headaches.
- Dizziness.
- Sensitivity to light or noise.
- Slowness in thinking, acting, speaking, or reading.
- Vision or hearing problems.
- Mood changes.
- One of your child's pupils is larger than the other.
- Your child loses consciousness.
- Your child cannot recognize people or places.
- It is difficult to wake your child.
- Your child has slurred speech.
- Your child has a seizure.
- Your child has severe headaches.
- Your child's headaches, fatigue, confusion, or irritability get worse.
- Your child keeps vomiting.
- Your child will not stop crying.
- Your child's behavior changes significantly.

Certain symptoms can appear right away, and other symptoms may not appear for hours or days.