

CSSE has provided information regarding concussions to the neurosurgical community for professional and pre-professional football players. Specifically, the information has involved studies and research findings of two primary concerns: (1) MTBI (Mild Traumatic Brain Injury) and (2) the degenerative brain disease called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (“CTE”). One study alone involved 6 years of player concussions, and nearly 2,000 games.

We disseminate the current NFL protocol for concussion treatment. Additionally, CSSE provides current Congressional bills and select state laws designed to establish standards and protocols that minimize initial injuries or the recurrence of concussions or adverse health effects.

Finally, we have noticed a lack of legal clarity and uniformity on the legal standard of care in treating concussed players. So we are preparing a state of the art and unique legal protocol. This should assist the medical community with its risk assessments when performing services in this area. The enhanced standard should be equally well received by the concussed players who benefit from the increased standard.