

Our Mission is to promote the best health and recovery in persons with traumatic brain injury by using information gained from cutting edge research in clinical care.

Additional Resources:

Brain Injury Association of Washington

1-800-523-5438

<http://www.biawa.org>

National Brain Injury Association

1-703-236-6000

<http://www.biausa.org>

Questions?

Your questions are important.

For research related questions:

Aaron, Project Coordinator (206) 616-0334

For clinical questions:

Harborview Brain Injury Clinic
(206) 731-5862

UW Brain Injury Clinic (206) 598-4295

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University of Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Model System

*Model System of Care....
Building a Better Future*



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What is Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)?

TBIs are usually caused by a blow to the head that causes brain bruising or a disruption in brain function. This may occur from car crashes, falls or assaults. TBI may result in problems in physical abilities, learning and remembering abilities, and changes in emotions and behavior. Recovery occurs... but it takes time and may not be complete.

The University of Washington TBI Model System- What is it?

We are one of 14 government-funded centers in the United States that:

- Seeks to find out what happens to people who have a TBI, how they recover and what to expect on a long-term basis.
- Examines various treatments that may lessen the problems caused by brain injury.
- Provides state of the art rehabilitation that meets the needs of people with TBI and their families.

Why We Were Selected as One of 16 centers?

Harborview and the University of Washington are national leaders in clinical care and research in TBI. The UW TBIMS cares for most patients with serious brain injuries in Washington State. We have a full range of specialized clinical services including: emergency treatment, trauma care, rehabilitation care and long term follow-up.

Potential Benefits to Participants:

- Evaluations to measure how you are doing and your recovery over time.
- Payment for yearly follow-up updates.
- Telephone check ups from experienced TBI Model System staff at least once a year.
- Learning about other research projects you might be eligible for.
- Knowing that YOU helped to add to the scientific knowledge of TBI recovery and that treatment will be improved for people with injuries like yours.

How can you become involved in the Model System?

One of our project coordinators will be speaking to you and your family about participating in this project. They will explain the process in detail. If you agree, you and your family will be interviewed while you are in the rehabilitation unit and at least once a year after you return home.

Why is research in TBI important?

Research helps us to find out what happens to the brain after an injury. It tells us what treatments work best so that we can give you and others the care needed to improve recovery.



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