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Concussion Ontario Network Newsletter

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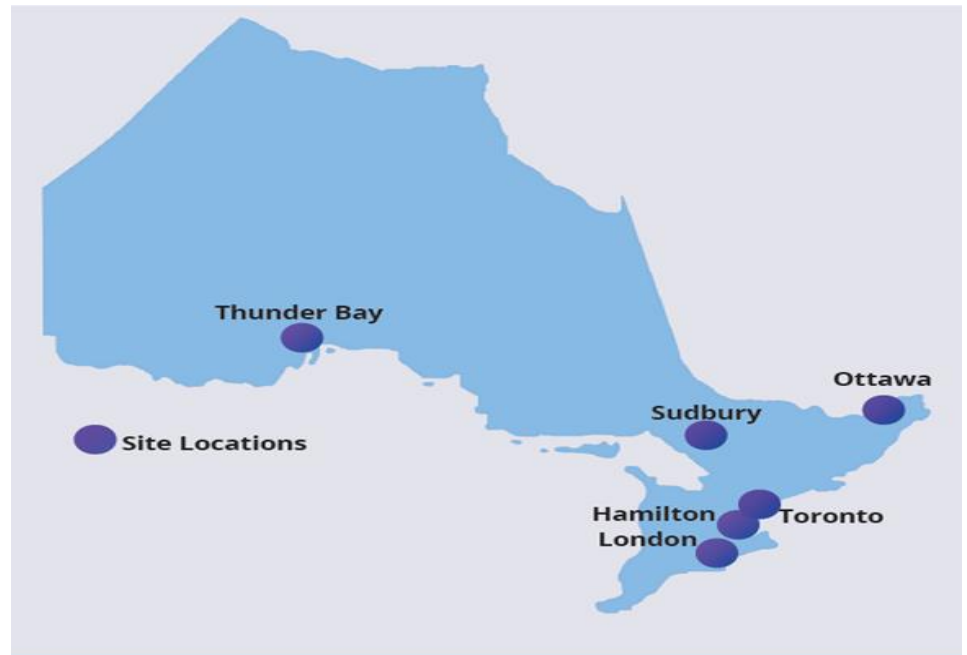
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CONNECTing Study – Concussion Ontario Network: Neuroinformatics to Enhance Clinical care and Translation

CONNECTing is a study within CONNECT currently being carried out via a post-concussion baseline survey, at 10 clinical sites across the province. These sites include the following:

CONNECTing Site	Principle Investigator
St. Michael's Hospital Head Injury Clinic	Dr. Andrew Baker
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – Hull-Ellis Concussion and Research Clinic	Dr. Mark Bayley
Toronto Western Hospital – Canadian Concussion Centre	Dr. Carmela Tartaglia
Sudbury, Health Sciences North	Dr. Sylvain Grenier
Hamilton Health Sciences	Dr. Diana Velikonja
Fowler-Kennedy Sport Medicine Clinic	Dr. Lisa K Fischer
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre – Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic	Dr. Matthew Burke
The Ottawa Hospital	Dr. Shawn Marshall
Parkwood Acquired Brain Injury	Dr. Heather Mackenzie
Lakehead University	Dr. Vicki Kristman



Research Updates

Common Data Elements (CDE's) Collected in CONNECTing

The aim of CONNECTing is to facilitate the collaboration of several clinical sites across the province in the collection of standardized Common Data Elements (CDE's) collected from consenting patients who have experienced a concussion. Utilization of CDE's for concussion will enable data sharing across clinical sites to support research studies. Additionally, CDE collection can enhance clinical care measuring the progress made in reducing the burden of concussion.

The patient reported CDE's collected by the CONNECTing study include the following:

- Demographic Data
- Injury Information
- Medical History
- Health Services Utilization
- Substance Usage
- Symptoms:
 - Rivermead Post-concussion symptoms Questionnaire
 - Sport Concussion Assessment Tool – 5th Edition (SCAT-5)
- Daily Function
 - Sheehan Disability Scale

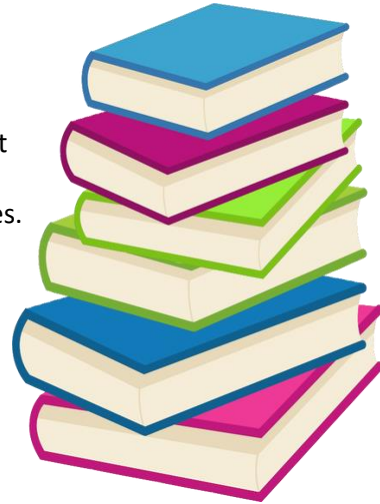
For more information, please contact the central research coordinator Justina at Justina.Zych@unityhealth.to

Knowledge Translation Updates

Patient Education Resource Library Project

The Patient Education Resource Library Project is currently a 'work-in-progress' and involves collaboration across all CONNECTing clinical sites. The goal of the project is to share adult patient education resources that are currently utilized by each clinical site to enable patients to access a wide variety of educational resources. The resources are organized by common symptoms experienced after a concussion. Each resource includes the following: a short description of the resource name, author/developer, type of resource (YouTube video, website, podcast, printable information sheet) and year of development.

For more information regarding this project, please contact the CONNECT Knowledge Translation lead David at david.murty@unityhealth.to

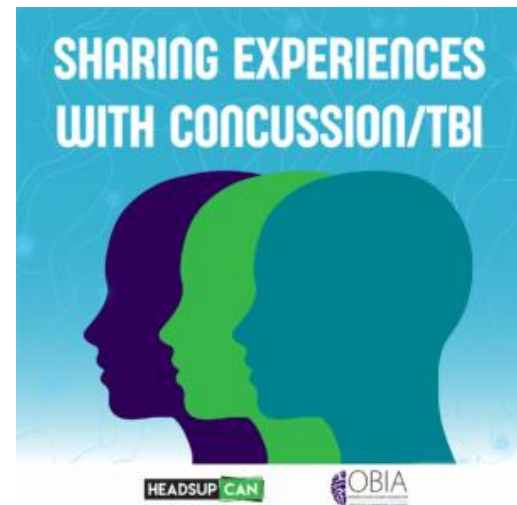


Upcoming Podcast Series

Sharing Experiences with Concussion/TBI Multimedia Podcast Season II

The Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA) and Headsup Concussion Advocacy Network (HeadsupCAN) have developed five multi-media podcasts that will be released throughout June as part of Brain Injury Awareness Month. Episodes will be led by a leading expert in the field and consist of a group of individuals who have sustained brain injuries discussing their experiences in a safe and supportive environment.

For more information or to access the podcast series please visit OBIA's podcast website: <https://obia.ca/events/multimedia-podcasts/>



Brain Injury Awareness Month

In Canada, the month of June is Brain Injury Awareness Month. The theme of this year's national campaign is focused on raising awareness of brain injury in Canada or "Shining a light on this often invisible disability".

For more information please visit:
<https://braininjurycanada.ca/en/brain-injury-awareness-month>

