Open Free Public Forum on Traumatic Brain Injury, Concussions and Spinal Cord Injury

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Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from leading experts about:

- Traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)
- Pediatric TBI
- Concussion
- Neurocritical care
- Post-TBI & SCI patient care
- Post-injury persistent pain
- Rehabilitation
- Clinical case management
- Healthcare funding resources
- Preclinical research
- Local TBI and SCI support groups

When: Saturday June 8th, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Where: Hilton San Francisco Union Square

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Panel of Experts



Lisa Pascual, MD is a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, specializing in restoring and enhancing physical and cognitive functioning. She is Chief of PM&R within the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at UCSF and Chief of Rehabilitation at both Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center.



Chris Giza, MD is a Professor UCLA BIRC and Chief of Pediatric Neurology at UCLA. He founded and directs the UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT & Operation Mend BRAIN TBI programs. He serves on concussion advisory committees for MLS, NBA and US Soccer and is a clinical consultant for MLS/USSF, NHL/NHLPA, NBA, the LA Lakers and NFL.



Kevin Wang, PhD is Professor & ViceChair Department of Neurobiology, and Director of the Center for Neurotrauma, Morehouse School of Medicine. He is a CNS therapeutics and biomarker innovator and translational neuroscientist. Has authored over 300 peer-reviewed publications.



Frank Larkin, COO Troop's First Foundation and the National Warrior Call campaign. Former US Senate Sergeant at Arms and US Navy SEAL. Father of a combat decorated Navy SEAL who committed suicide after suffering from blast-TBI. National advocate for military suicide prevention and TBI research.



Rajiv Saigal, MD is an Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery at UCSF. He is a neurosurgeon-scientist who specializes in complex spine surgery. His research focuses on bioengineering approaches for treating spinal cord injury. He chairs the North American Spine Society Section on Spinal Cord injury.



Shirley Farmer, MSW, CBIS has served as a social worker in the acute and postacute rehabilitation field. She has been Community Liaison and Clinical Specialist and is currently the No Cal Director of Business Development, Legal & National Teams for the Centre for Neuro Skills.



Daniel Perl, MD is Professor of Pathology at Uniformed Services University and is Director of the DoD/USU Brain Tissue Repository that dedicated to studying the long-term effects of military TBI, especially the "invisible wound" associated with blast exposure.



Cathra Halabi, MD, is a vascular neurologist at UCSF. She is the founding director of the UCSF Neurorecovery Clinic and co-directs the UCSF Post-Acute TBI Clinical Program. In addition to treating patients with neurovascular emergencies in the hospital, she cares for patients with concussion, traumatic brain injury, and other acquired neurological injuries during recovery and beyond.





Grace Griesbach, PhD is the National Director of Clinical Research for the Centre for Neuro Skills. She has experience in preclinical and clinical TBI research. Current research projects focus on enhancing recovery during the chronic TBI period and include exploring neuroendocrine and sleep influences on post-acute recovery after TBI. She has held multiple leadership positions for the National Neurotrauma Society and is committed to Neurotrauma advocacy efforts.