

**Diffuse Injury**

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- Cognitive
- Emotional Deficits
- Psychosocial Deficits

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**Routinely Screen for TBI**

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- Was there a history of head trauma?
- Was there loss of consciousness? How long?

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**Routinely Screen for TBI**

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- Were there any lingering problems
  - headache
  - problems concentrating
  - problems with new learning
- Are there still problems?

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**DSM-IV Cognitive Disorder NOS**

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- **Postconcussional syndrome**
  - **History of head trauma**
  - **Evidence from NP testing to show problems with attention or memory**

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**DSM-IV Cognitive Disorder NOS**

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- **Three or more occur shortly after the trauma:**
  - **fatigue**
  - **disordered sleep**
  - **headache**
  - **vertigo or dizziness**

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**DSM-IV Cognitive Disorder NOS**

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- **irritability or aggression, anxiety**
- **depression**
- **affective lability, personality changes (inappropriateness)**
- **apathy**

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**DSM-IV Cognitive Disorder NOS**

- Symptoms have onset after trauma
- Significant impairment
- Symptoms do not meet criteria for dementia

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**The six most important things VR counselors need to know from a neuropsychological evaluation**

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1. Pre-injury history
  2. Level of intellectual functioning
  3. Hemispheric differences

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