

RESEARCH STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Study Title:

Measuring Quality of Life in Traumatic Brain Injury:

Introduction:

Health Related Quality of Life and Fatigue (a feeling like you are often physically and/or mentally exhausted) are issues for many people who have had a traumatic brain injury. Our previous research into Health Related Issues after brain injury have shown that it is related to problems with emotional, social participation, physical/fatigue, and cognitive or thinking challenges.

Purpose of this Study:

The goal of this study is to develop a more compact and state of the art questionnaire which will be used by clinicians (doctors), other health professionals and researchers.

What Happens During this Study:

You will be asked to complete four different interviews (assessments, questionnaires) after an initial collection of demographic information is done. The demographic information collected will include things like age, education level, living and working status, and medical history. The initial collection of demographic information, which may be done at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center or by telephone, will be immediately followed by one questionnaire. The subsequent interviews may be done by phone and will be done six weeks apart. Each interview is approximately 2 hours long. The interviews are made up of multiple choice questions related to quality of life.

Compensation:

You will be paid \$25 for the first interview (assessment, questionnaire) you complete, \$30 for the second, \$35 for the third and \$40 for the fourth assessment that you complete. Participants that complete all four assessments will be paid \$130.

Potential Risks and Discomfort:

There are no known risks associated with your participation in this study. Discomfort may be experienced only to the extent that some of the questions may be of a more personal nature and that each interview may require up to 120 minutes of your time.

You may withdraw at any time.

Who is Eligible to Participate:

You must have had a traumatic brain injury (i.e. hit on the head, concussion, knocked out) that required you to seek medical attention. Mild, Moderate and Severe Injuries are all included in this study. Further, you need to wait at least six months after your brain injury to start this study. You must be 18 years or older. You need to be able to understand and communicate in English. You must be able to provide documentation of your injury. Informed consent and HIPPA forms will be mailed to you to complete.

Who is Sponsoring this Study:

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Education.

Who is Responsible for this Study:

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Whom Do I Contact If I'm Interested in Participating:

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