

What Interested You About Traumatic Brain Injury?

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Dr. Jeffrey Bazarian: What drew me to Traumatic Brain Injury, especially at the milder end of things, because I kind of realized that we were seeing many, many patients, sometimes eight, nine, ten a day with concussion and nobody really was out there to take care of them. Neurosurgeons had nothing to operate on. Neurologists said, oh, they're not having a stroke. I thought, wow, this is a neurologic injury that really is kind of falling through the cracks here and so that kind of drew me to find out a little bit more about what was going on. Because my clinical practice was occupied by so many of these patients who really had nowhere to turn.

And by the way, there's about 25% of, at least Americans, who have some form of concussion. Civilians don't report it, don't go to physicians. So many of the numbers that are reported in terms of the number of Americans with Traumatic Brain Injuries are probably underestimated.