

Dr. Juan Carlos Arango-Lasprilla Talks About Differences Between Caucasians and Minorities in TBI Cases

Compared to Caucasian you can see that there are a lot of social, demographic and injury characteristics especially from people that have a TBI in this country. Usually minorities are more likely to be younger. They are more likely to be less educated. They are more likely to have more severe injuries. Also minorities are 4 times more likely to have their TBI related to violence. Minorities are more likely to be male, and also they are more likely to be unemployed at the time of the injury, and they are more likely to earn less money compared with Caucasian that have this kind of, the same problems, this kind of traumatic brain injury problems. Yeah because the majority of the minorities in this country, in the general population when you see the general population, the majority of the minorities in the countries are I would say between 18 or 16 year olds and 21, 22.

I think there is some factor that could influence the minorities. Have these, these kind of problems when they are younger for example and the concept of prevention is not very common in our culture and you can see that some kids Spanish or African American people from Asia they usually, they don't wear seatbelts or they have some risky behaviors like they, they like to drive cars and drink alcohol at the same time, or they don't use helmets when they ride a bicycle.

I think we need to do more education in our communities because I don't think that we have done too much education and showed them how dangerous it can be to drive a car without using a seatbelt or this kind of behavior.