

A Brainy Idea - Protect Your Brain

In the United States, there are nearly two-million new cases of traumatic brain injuries each year.

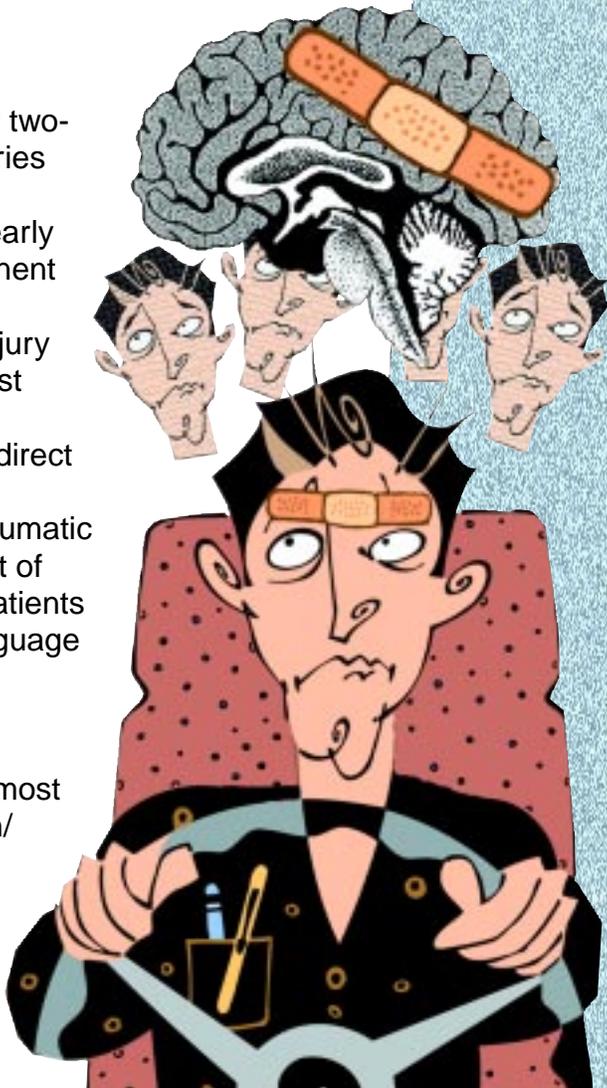
And this number is steadily rising. Nearly 100,000 victims will be left with a permanent disability.

The highest rate of traumatic brain injury occurs in 15 to 25 year olds, and the most direct cause is motor vehicle (including motorcycle) accidents, while the most indirect cause is alcohol.

Depression is a common result of traumatic brain injury, occurring in 30 to 60 percent of patients. It is more commonly seen in patients who have severe physical injuries or language recovery difficulties, poor social support, financial pressures and a loss of independence.

In children under the age of 15, the most common causes are falls and pedestrian/bicycle accidents. In the elderly, falls are the most common cause.

In general, patients with mild head injury may have a persistent headache and/or mild concentration or memory problems, which will usually get better within weeks. Patients with moderate-to-severe traumatic brain injury, however, benefit from significant rehabilitation, including medications, physical, occupational and speech therapy.



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