NC Brain Injury Screening Solutions

Brain Injury Association of North Carolina

INTERPRETATION

Note that this is not a Positive Diagnosis & Clinical Evaluation is Required

Brain Injury Severity

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) severity can be classified by the amount of time a person has lost consciousness (if at all). Not all people lose consciousness or they may not be able to recall.

If the person indicated they have lost consciousness (Q 1a), check the respective answer:

- ☐ Less than 30 minutes — Mild TBI/Concussion Likely
- ☐ 30 minutes - 24 hours — Moderate TBI Likely
- ☐ More than 24 hours — Severe TBI Likely

Type of Brain Injury

Not all injuries result from a blow to the head, causing a TBI. Non-traumatic Brain Injuries can result in similar challenges, occurring from internal forces causing injury (such as a lack of oxygen, swelling, or excess bleeding).

If selected yes for Questions 3 and/or 4:

- ☐ choked/ strangled
- ☐ overdose
- ☐ other sources

At risk for Non-Traumatic Acquired Brain Injury

First Injury

Having an injury before the age of 15 could put a person at risk, including history of trouble with mental health, substance use, homelessness, court systems, criminal justice, or violence.

The age of the first injury occurring (Q 1b & 2a):

☐ If less than 15:

At risk for impacted services, relationships, behavior, & mental health

Multiple Injuries

If the person has had 2 or more TBIs close together (within days or weeks), the brain doesn't have enough time to heal before getting injured again.

Estimated number of injuries: (Q 1 & 2)

☐ If more than 1:

At risk for more severe effects, longer recovery periods, or it could put them at risk for catastrophic consequences

Recent Injuries

If a person sustained a mild TBI in recent weeks or a more severe TBI in recent months, they could be at risk or need extra recovery supports.

☐ If occurred within one year:

At risk for current symptoms - check for:

- ☐ headaches
- ☐ dizziness
- ☐ poor attention or concentration
- ☐ overstimulated
- ☐ memory lapses
- ☐ fluctuating emotion
- ☐ trouble sleeping or feeling tired
- ☐ other: