



## Concussion Management Flowchart

### STUDENT/ATHLETE

- Reports signs/symptoms to coach, trainer, PE teacher, nurse, parent, guardian or other adult.
- Cooperates with removal from play and evaluation by each coach/trainer/nurse/physician.
- Participates in evaluation by coach/trainer/nurse/ physician.
- Provides medical evaluation information to school nurse.
- Cooperates with graded return to play.
- Reports return of any symptoms to trainer/coach/parent/guardian/school nurse/PE teacher.

### COACH/TRAINER/PE TEACHER

- Observes for concussion signs/symptoms. If present, remove from play.
- Performs sideline evaluation or send for school nurse.
- Reports all injuries that occur in athletics or PE to school nurse.
- Initiates graded return to play, when student is symptom-free and cleared by a physician.
- Monitors and documents return to play progress.
- Reports student's symptoms (if recurring) to school nurse, athletic director, family.

### SCHOOL NURSE

#### Case Manager for concussion/injury

- Communicates physician orders to AD, school athletic trainer, counselor
- Regular concussion assessment of student as needed
- Communicates with evaluating physician
- Clears student for return to activities if no concussion diagnosis or when cleared by physician.

***Please return to Concussion Management page to access links to documents with further information for student/athletes, families, school nurse/coach/trainer/teacher/counselor/administrator.***

### FAMILY

- Communicates prior history of head injuries to school nurse.
- Reports concussion signs/symptoms to nurse.
- Takes student for evaluation by physician if there are signs/symptoms of a concussion.
- Forwards medical evaluation by physician to nurse.
- Communicates with school nurse as symptoms change/resolve.

### COUNSELOR/ADMINISTRATOR/TEACHER

- Meets with family to create academic modification plans if needed.
- Administrator approves plans, communicates academic plans and any updated modifications with teachers, students and family.
- Acts as a liaison between teachers, students and family.

### PHYSICIAN

- Evaluates, diagnoses, develops treatment plan, follows up, releases student from medical care.
- Releases student from play restriction.
- Must be a NYS licensed physician.