



Barrow Neurological Institute and AT Still University are collaborating to offer free baseline testing, statewide concussion research, and statewide concussion consultation to all Arizona Interscholastic Association member schools. This statewide effort is called the **Barrow Concussion Network**.

Objective:

To provide concussion coverage for all Arizona Interscholastic Association high school athletes.

Who?

Barrow Neurological Institute, AT Still University, and the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

What?

The Barrow Concussion Network provides AIA member schools access to computerized assessment tools (ImPACT), statewide concussion research and free concussion consultation.

How?

Athletic trainers in the state of Arizona may request access to the Barrow Concussion Network by emailing: concussionregistry@dignityhealth.org . Please provide full name, school name, and contact phone number. You will receive an email invitation into the Barrow Concussion Network AND an email giving access to ImPACT (for AIA eligible schools).

Frequently asked questions:

Is this a requirement of the AIA?

No. This is an optional program offered by Barrow Neurological Institute and AT Still University to all AIA member schools.

Does this replace Brainbook?

No. Brainbook is concussion education required by the AIA. The Barrow Concussion Network is for concussion management and resources.

What does the Barrow Concussion Network do?

There are four primary components to the Barrow Concussion Network:

- Baseline testing - through a generous grant from Dick's Sporting Goods, Barrow Concussion Network members will have free access to ImPACT pre and post injury

testing. Education and training will be available for those not familiar with administration and interpretation.

- Professional Education - Within the network, educational materials and information is provided on discussion boards. Material may be uploaded and downloaded by members for review and utilization.
- Concussion Research - a statewide concussion database has been established to monitor and track high school athlete concussion and recovery. This is an IRB approved research study through Barrow Neurological Institute. Athletic trainers are eligible for continuing education credit for participating in research.
- Concussion Consultation - The Barrow Concussion Network allows for real time consultation with concussion experts throughout the state. Cases can also be submitted for review and professional advice on concussion management through HIPAA compliant means. All consultations can be made from a desk top computer or smartphone.

What about liability?

Please read the complete terms and conditions of the Barrow Concussion Network for a full reference. However, Arizona Revised Statutes 15-341 designates an athletic trainer as a "qualified health care provider" that may "provide clearance to participate in athletic activity" after a concussion. Arizona Revised Statutes Title 32-4101 states that a practicing athletic trainer works "under the direction of a licensed physician." Please communicate with your directing physician.

How long is ImPACT available?

Dick's Sporting Goods has generously agreed to provide baseline AND post-injury testing for the 2013-2014 school year for AIA eligible schools.

What is an AIA eligible school for free ImPACT?

An eligible school is one that does not already have a license with ImPACT.

What if my school is already using ImPACT?

AIA member schools already using ImPACT are not eligible for free use of ImPACT, but have access to all other components of the Barrow Concussion Network, including research and concussion consultation.

Is training available for the Barrow Concussion Network?

Yes. Live training will occur periodically throughout the year. On-line training and tutorials are under development.

Who do I contact if I have further questions about the Barrow Concussion Network?

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