Brain Injury Facts

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
TBI is defined as an alteration in brain function, or other evidence of brain pathology, caused by an external force.

Typical Causes of TBI

- Falls: 35%
- Motor Vehicle: 17%
- Assault: 10%
- Struck By/Against: 16%
- Other: 22%

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)
An acquired brain injury is an injury to the brain, which is not hereditary, congenital, degenerative, or induced by birth trauma. An acquired brain injury is an injury to the brain that has occurred after birth.

Annual Incidence of TBI and ABI

- TBI: 1,700,000
- ABI: 917,000

Facts about Brain Injury

- 5.3 million Americans live with a long-term disability as a result of TBI.
- Motor vehicle crashes and traffic-related incidences are the cause of 31.8% of TBI deaths.
- Males are more likely than females to sustain a TBI at any age.
- 75% of traumatic brain injuries are classified as “mild.”
- The annual cost of TBI to society exceeds $76.5 billion.
- The estimated cost of stroke in the United States was $53.9 billion in 2010.
- In 2005, nearly 1.1 million stroke survivors reported difficulty performing basic activities of daily life.

References


