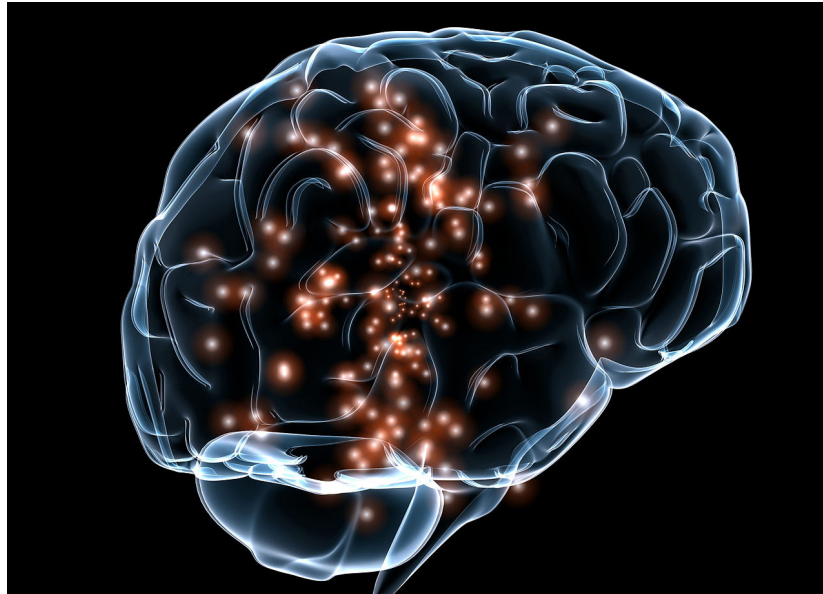


## POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF BRAIN INJURY



### Cognitive

- ◆ Memory loss
- ◆ Impaired processing speed
- ◆ Difficulty with attention and concentration
- ◆ Difficulty following a conversation
- ◆ Impaired word-finding
- ◆ Difficulty problem-solving
- ◆ Organizational problems
- ◆ Impaired judgment
- ◆ Difficulty multi-tasking
- ◆ Difficulty with initiation and/or follow-through

### Physical

- ◆ Headaches or migraines
- ◆ Fatigue
- ◆ Impaired arousal and sleep regulation
- ◆ Balance problems
- ◆ Visual defects
- ◆ Full or partial paralysis
- ◆ Seizures
- ◆ Muscle spasticity
- ◆ Loss of smell or taste
- ◆ Speech impairments

### Emotional

- ◆ Anxiety/irritability
- ◆ Egocentric behavior
- ◆ Impulsive behavior
- ◆ Depression and mood swings
- ◆ Inappropriate or aggressive behavior

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

*Agnosi*: Failure to recognize familiar objects.

*Agraphia*: Inability to express thoughts in writing.

*Alexia*: Inability to read.

*Aneurysm*: A balloon-like deformity in the wall of a blood vessel.

*Anomia*: Inability to recall names of objects.

*Anosmia*: Loss of sense of smell.

*Aphasia (receptive)*: Loss of ability to understand language.

*Aphasia (expressive)*: Loss of ability to formulate language.

*Apraxia*: Inability to carry out purposeful movement.

*Asterognosia*: Inability to recognize objects by touch.

*Ataxia*: Difficulty with muscle coordination.

*ADL*: Activities of daily living.

*Clonus*: Rhythmic jerks following quick stretch of a muscle.

*Cognition*: Process of knowing or perceiving.

*Confabulation*: Verbalizations with no basis in reality.

*Contracture*: Decreased range of motion due to tissue shortening.

*Convergence*: Movement of eyes inward to focus on closer object.

*Cortical blindness*: Loss of vision due to visual cortex lesion.

*Diplopia*: Seeing two images of a single object; double vision.

*Dysarthria*: Difficulty speaking due to muscle weakness.

*Dysmetria*: Inability to stop a movement at the desired point.

*Dysphagia*: Swallowing disorder.

*Echolalia*: Imitation of sounds or words without comprehension.

*Hemiplegia*: Paralysis of one side of the body.

*Hemiparesis*: Weakness of one side of the body.

*Kinesthesia*: Sensory awareness of body parts as they move.

*Lability*: Drastic changes in emotions without apparent reason.

*Nystagmus*: Involuntary movement of the eyeballs.

*Perseveration*: Repeating a word or phrase insistently or redundantly.

*Proprioception*: Sensory awareness of the position of body parts.

*Shunt*: Device to divert excess fluid away from the brain.

*Spasticity*: Involuntary increase in muscle tone causing resistance.

*Vestibular System*: Mechanism within the ear that detects head movement.

*Visual Field Defect*: Not seeing objects in specific viewing regions.