

About the Center for Neuroscience and Regenerative Medicine (CNRM):

CNRM is a federal intramural program that studies the full spectrum of traumatic brain injury (TBI, also commonly known as concussion), with a special focus on military-relevant injuries. CNRM was established through Congressional legislation in 2008 to foster collaborative efforts between the Uniformed Services University (USU), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). Through collaborative clinical research, our researchers are breaking new ground in improving the evaluation and care of military service members and civilians suffering from TBI and posttraumatic stress (PTS). Many talented CNRM clinicians have experience caring for those with TBI and PTS on the battlefield, in military treatment facilities, and civilian hospitals.

Goal:

The goal of the CNRM is to improve recovery from TBI in military service members.

CNRM Clinical Research:

- CNRM encompasses multiple dimensions of research related to TBI and PTS in both military and civilian populations. CNRM research studies recruit participants with TBI that may have occurred either recently or in the past, and may vary from mild to severe; some CNRM studies also focus on those with a history of PTS, many studies also need those without a history of TBI to serve as healthy controls.
- CNRM has longitudinal studies to observe the natural history of TBI in those 18 and older, as well as short- and long-term clinical research studies that address various aspects of imaging, treatment, and rehabilitation.
- CNRM incorporates a range of new technologies in an effort to improve the diagnosis and treatment of conditions related to brain injury and stresses of the battlefield. Among other goals, it is hoped that such efforts will make it easier to make more rapid diagnoses, leading to earlier, targeted therapies.
- Research takes place at medical treatment facilities throughout the National Capital Area, including WRNMMC, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, the NIH Clinical Center, Suburban Hospital, and Virginia Commonwealth University.
- CNRM seeks opportunities to increase awareness of CNRM clinical research studies and to facilitate participation by service members, veterans and civilians.

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