



The Richland Hospital, Inc.

Concussion Clinic Permission Slip

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Richland Sports Medicine along with your school have implemented an innovative program for evaluating and treating head injuries (e.g. concussions). In order to better manage concussions sustained by our student-athletes, we The Richland Hospital/ Richland Medical Center along with Richland Sports Medicine have purchased a software tool called ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT is a computerized exam developed by concussion experts at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and used in many professional, collegiate and high school sports programs across the country to assist with the diagnosis and management of head injuries. Neurocognitive tests such as ImPACT are fast becoming the “gold standard” in recognizing and managing head injuries. Additional information about ImPACT can be found at www.impacttest.com.

We are asking student-athletes to take the computerized exam before beginning contact sport practice or competition. This test is set up in “video-game” type format and takes about 20-25 minutes to complete. The ImPACT test is a pre-season physical of the brain. It tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed and concentration, but it is not an IQ test. The impact test is non-invasive and poses no risks to your child.

If your child suffers a head injury and a concussion is suspected, your child will be referred to a physician or clinician for evaluation. The y physician or clinician will be affiliated wit ha health care organization that has ImPACT certified members. The physician or clinician may recommend that your child take the post-injury ImPACT test. The health care organization will maintain your child’s pre-season and post-injury test data, if any, on a secure server maintained by ImPACT. Your child’s test data will only be available to that health care organization, except as described below. If your child suffers a head injury, you will be contacted with additional details about how to proceed.

Your child’s test data may be made available to persons other than the physician or clinician evaluating your child as follows:

- The physician or clinician evaluating your child may choose to make your child’s test data available to other health care providers who are being consulted regarding the treatment of your child.
- Your child’s test data may also be utilized by UPMC to treat athletes with similar head injuries or in studies conducted by UPMC on head injuries. However, the identity of your child will not be disclosed to UPMC if the test results are used for these purposes.

Your child’s health and safety are at the forefront of the student-athletic experience, and we are excited to implement this program. Please return this signed form with the appropriate signatures. If you have any further questions regarding this program please feel free to contact Richland Sports Medicine at 608-647-6321 ext. 2432 or 2433.

Sincerely, *Richland Sports Medicine*

For use of the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT)

I have read and understand the above information and give permission for my son/daughter to take the ImPACT Baseline Concussion Test.

Printed Name of Athlete: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Sports: _____

Signature of Athlete: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

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