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“Concussion: A National Challenge” – Keynote Speakers and Program Agenda Announced

National Experts Address Issues and Potentials of Concussion – **FREE** and Open to Public

Cleveland, June 8, 2015 – The [National Academy of Engineering](#) and the [Institute of Medicine](#), announce the distinguished keynote [speaker lineup](#) for “[Concussion: A National Challenge](#),” a convening of the nation’s top concussion experts to provide lay, informative presentations exploring the known medical issues and the potential technologies that will foster greater safety for the public.

Hosted and co-sponsored by [Case Western Reserve University](#), Concussion 2015 will be held at the Global Center for Health Innovation, June 23-24, 2015. Approximately 20 of the nation’s leaders in basic science, medicine and engineering will gather to help set a national agenda leading to better brain health through the detection, treatment and prevention of concussion, as well as to identify the most promising approaches that should be pursued in three major areas of sports, battlefield and automobiles.

Keynote Speakers include:

- **“Understanding the Problem of Concussion,” June 23, 2015**

[Robert C. Cantu, MD](#)

Medical Director of the Cantu Concussion Center at Emerson Hospital

- Also featuring [Hon. Mark Rosekind, PhD](#), Administrator – National Highway Traffic Safety, U.S. Department of Transportation, addressing the automobile industry.

- **“Biomechanics of the Concussive Impact,” June 23, 2015**

S. Krisztian Kovacs, MD

Research Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)

- **“Tissue Injury Due to Concussion,” June 24, 2015**

[Daniel P. Perl, MD](#)

Neuropathologist and Director, Brain Tissue Repository for Traumatic Brain Injury Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences

- Also featuring the acclaimed [Ann McKee, MD](#), Professor of Neurology & Pathology, Director, Neuropathology Core at Boston University School of Medicine; Director, Neuropathology Service at New England Veterans Administration Medical Centers (VISN-1); and Chief Neuropathologist, National VA ALS Brain Bank, a Case Western Reserve University alum, former MetroHealth employee and the foremost expert on CTE (chronic traumatic encephalopathy) in former athletes, especially football. Dr. McKee’s research changed sports guidelines as we know them.

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- **“Detection and Prevention of Concussion,” June 24, 2015**
[Jeffrey J. Bazarian, MD, MPH](#)
Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine University of Rochester
- **Moderated Panel Discussion (SPECIFICALLY FOR CONSUMER AUDIENCE), June 24, 2015**
[Dwayne Bray](#)
Senior Coordinating Producer, ESPN
 - East Cleveland, Ohio native and Cleveland State University and Ohio State University graduate.

“Concussion: A National Challenge” is FREE and open to the general public. Advanced registration is required: Concussion2015.org . The full agenda and list of speakers with titles and affiliations is available at Concussion2015.org.

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