

MARCH IS TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI):

External force causing damage to the brain, such as in a fall or motor accident.



TBI impacts millions of Americans annually and long term*



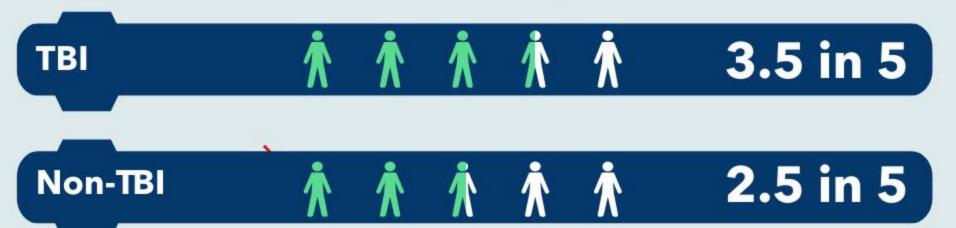
Up to half of persons with TBI later have a mental health diagnosis*

MHO CLIENT TBI DATA

1 in 100 Inpatients of all ages has a diagnosed history of TBI

TBI Inpatients differ from Non-TBI Inpatients

Predominately Male



Longer Length of Stay





Different Primary Diagnoses



Less Likely

Mood Disorders
Psychoactive Substance Use

More Likely

Schizophrenia & Other Psychotic Disorders
Anxiety & Other Nonpsychotic Disorders
Non-Psychiatric Diagnosis
Disorders due to Physiological Conditions

HOW TO HELP TBI PATIENTS



Awareness of trauma history can help identify current or previous TBI.



Treatment may include ancillary services like speech or physical therapy.



Increased verbal and visual cues from all staff involved in care may enhance interactions.

*Sources: BIAUSA.org Fact Sheet (2021). https://www.biausa.org/wp-content/uploads/MTMBI-Fact-Sheet-2021-Revised.pdf Swarzbold et al., 2008 - Psychiatric disorders and traumatic brain injury. Neuropsychiatric Disease and Treatment. 4(4) 797-816.

