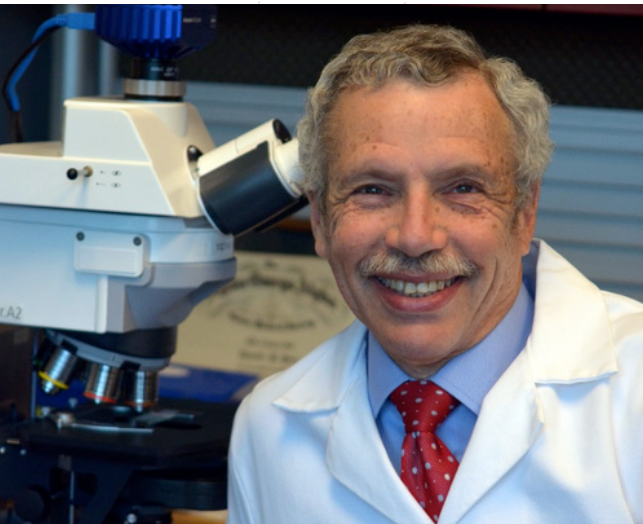


## Why Research Traumatic Brain Injury?

More than 400,000 service members have been diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury. The damage from these injuries may affect their ability to hold a job, re-enter the community, and connect with family.

Research is important so we can work toward preventing, diagnosing, and treating this invisible wound.



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*We are just beginning to understand what happens to the brain after a TBI. Our goal is to learn all we can to help prevent, diagnose, and treat this invisible wound.*  
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Daniel Perl, M.D.

Director, Brain Tissue  
Repository

**To learn more about our  
program or about donation,  
please visit our website:**

[www.ResearchBrainInjury.org](http://www.ResearchBrainInjury.org)

**Or call us at:**

**855-366-8824**



**DOD** **BRAIN**  
**USU** **TISSUE REPOSITORY**



## Understanding the **Invisible Wound**



## Our Mission

The U.S. Department of Defense established the DoD/USU Brain Tissue Repository to advance traumatic brain injury (TBI) research.

Our mission is to better understand the effects of TBI and promote overall brain health of the warfighter. Using the best science, we support our service members and their families to help care for our military personnel after a head injury.

## Our Research

Our scientists compare injured and uninjured brain tissue to better understand the effects of TBI on brain health.

We have discovered a unique scarring pattern that may explain post-blast symptoms like headache, memory issues, sleep problems, and post-traumatic stress.



## DoD/USU Brain Donation Awareness Program

With each donation, we learn more about TBI and brain health.

The purpose of the Brain Donation Awareness Program is to create a voluntarily-based registry for those persons interested in brain donation while they are still living. Please consider joining our voluntary registry if you are interested in future brain donation.

It is open to anyone 18 and older, who has served in the military (Reserves, Active, Veteran), with or without TBI, PTSD, or any other co-existing disorders.

If you would like to be added to the Brain Donation Awareness Program, please call:

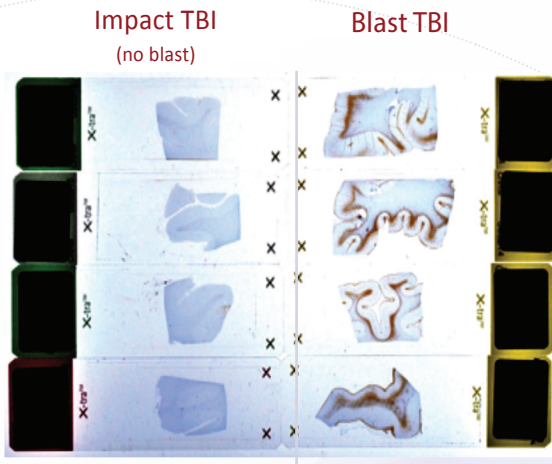
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## The Gift of Brain Tissue Donation

Service members with or without a TBI can sign up to donate their brain upon death to the Brain Tissue Repository. The next of kin, upon the death of the service member, can also gift their loved one's brain to the Brain Tissue Repository. The process is simple, compassionate, and caring.



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*A significant emotional burden was lifted from our hearts with this new knowledge about his invisible injuries, coupled with the realization that his brain donation was allowing this Navy SEAL medic to continue looking out for his boys.*

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Father of a Navy SEAL

