• Every 9 seconds, someone in the United States sustains a brain injury

• An ABI is any injury to the brain that is not hereditary, congenital, degenerative, or induced by birth trauma

• More than 3.5 million children and adults sustain an acquired brain injury (ABI) each year, but the total incidence is unknown

• Typical causes of ABI include:
  • Electric Shock
  • Infectious Disease
  • Lightning Strike
  • Near Drowning
  • Oxygen Deprivation (Hypoxia/Anoxia)
  • Stroke
  • Seizure Disorder
  • Substance Abuse/Overdose
  • Toxic Exposure
  • Trauma
  • Tumor

• Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is type of ABI. A TBI is caused by trauma to the brain from an external force

• The number of people who sustain TBIs and do not seek treatment is unknown

• One of every 60 people in the U.S. lives with a TBI-related disability

• The annual impact of TBI in the U.S. is significant:
  • At least 2.5 million adults & children sustain a TBI
  • 2.2 million are treated for TBI in Emergency Departments (also known as ERs) or Trauma Centers
  • 280,000 are hospitalized
  • 50,000 die

• There are many causes of traumatic brain injury:
  • Falls (40.5%)
  • Struck By or Against (15.5%)
  • Motor Vehicle Accidents (14.3%)
  • Assaults (10.7%)
  • Unknown (19%)

• Every day, 137 people die in the United States because of a TBI-related injury

• At least 5.3 million Americans live with a TBI-related disability

• When someone sustains a brain injury, many people are affected:
  • Survivors and their parents, spouses, siblings, extended families, and friends
  • Healthcare providers, including surgeons, physicians, counselors, rehab therapists, social workers, and personal care attendants
  • Insurance companies that issue auto accident, individual, and group health, disability, life and reinsurance policies
  • Attorneys of all types, including those who handle personal injury, insurance and disability claims, civil rights and discrimination, domestic actions, wills, estates, and trusts
  • Educators at every level, but especially special education teachers and those who prepare America’s future healthcare workforce
  • Government agencies that administer health and social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), and vocational rehab
  • Employers of all types