

Classification of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Severity			
Criteria	TBI Severity		
	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Structural Imaging	Normal	Normal or abnormal	Normal or abnormal
Loss of consciousness	0–30 minutes	>30 min and <24 hours	>24 hours
Alteration of consciousness/mental state**	A moment up to 24 hours	>24 hours; severity based on other criteria	
Posttraumatic amnesia	0–1 day	>1 day and <7 days	>7 days
Glasgow Coma Score (best available score in first 24 hours)	13 to 15	9 to 12	<9

**Alteration must be immediately related to the trauma to the head. Typical symptoms would be looking and feeling dazed and uncertain of what is happening; confusion; difficulty thinking clearly or responding appropriately to questions; and being unable to describe events immediately before or after the trauma event.
Management of concussion. Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Evidence Based Practice (2009). Available at: <http://1.usa.gov/18g27Hh>

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