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CONCUSSION CLINIC OUR TEAM IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOURS.

Cottage Concussion Clinic is a Tri-County program that provides care for children and youth participating in contact sports. As our region's referral center and safety-net provider, we provide specialty pediatric concussion management throughout the Tri-Counties.

Cottage Concussion Clinic offers baseline testing prior to the start of a sport season, as well as evaluation, diagnosis and individualized concussion management for youth throughout the tri-county areas.



To schedule an appointment
with Rebecca Pifer, NP, call
(805) 879-4240

CALL 911 AND SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION if after a bump, blow or jolt to the head or body, an athlete exhibits any of the following danger signs:

- Loss of consciousness - *Did the athlete pass out or get knocked out?*
- Severe headache
- Decreased level of consciousness - *Can't recognize people or places, looks very drowsy or cannot be awakened*
- Seizure - *Uncontrolled jerking of arms or legs*
- Neck pain with loss of movement
- Weakness in arms or legs
- Lack of balance or unsteadiness on feet
- Increased confusion or irritability
- Slurred speech
- Repeated vomiting
- One pupil larger than the other
- Drainage of blood or fluid from ears or nose
- Changes in vision
- Loss of bowel or bladder control
- Unusual or concerning behavior

In September of 2016, Assembly Bill 2007 applied these provisions to all athletes participating in youth sports organizations.

EDUCATION CODE 49475:

- An athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in an athletic activity shall be immediately removed from the athletic activity for the remainder of the day, and shall not be permitted to return to the athletic activity until he or she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider.
- The athlete shall not be permitted to return to the athletic activity until he or she receives written clearance to return to the athletic activity from a licensed health care provider.
- If the licensed health care provider determines that the athlete sustained a concussion, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven days.

For a description of these bills, visit cottagehealth.org/concussion-clinic

Grotenhuis Pediatric Clinics – Santa Barbara – 5333 Hollister Ave, Suite 250 Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Cottage Pediatric Clinics – Pismo Beach – 2 James Way, Suite 112 Pismo Beach, CA 93449

Cottage Pediatric Clinic – Ventura – 5850 Thille Street, Suite 103, Ventura, CA 93003





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CONCUSSION CLINIC WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REMEMBER:

“When in doubt,
sit it out.”

DID YOU KNOW?

- Most concussions happen without being knocked out or losing consciousness.
- Athletes with a history of concussions are at an increased risk for another concussion.
- Young children and teens are at higher risk for concussion and take longer to recover than adults.

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that is caused by a blow to the head or body, a fall, or another injury that jars the brain.

SIGNS OBSERVED BY PARENTS/COACHES

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Repetitive questioning
- Can't recall events prior/after hit or fall
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes

SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETE

- Headache or pressure in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision, sensitivity to light or noise
- Concentration or memory problems, confusion
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy
- Just not “feeling right” or is “feeling down”

Our clinic welcomes athletes from Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties. If you suspect your athlete has a concussion, please call the Cottage Concussion Clinic at **805-879-4240**. For any after-hours emergency, please call **9-1-1** or visit the closest emergency room.

Locations in Santa Barbara,
Ventura and Pismo Beach.
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