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Health Assessment Center for Athletes

Playing it Safe ImPACT Screening Permission Slip

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Saint Barnabas Health Care System offers the opportunity for your child to take a baseline test to help detect possible sports related concussions **in the future**. The exam takes about 20-30 minutes and is non-invasive. The program is basically set-up as a “video game” type format. What it is doing is giving the brain a physical of its cognitive abilities. It tracks information such as memory, reaction time, processing speed, and concentration. It is simple and most people who take it enjoy the challenge of the test.

The program is called ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing), it is a computerized exam that an athlete may take prior to the season and if the athlete is believed to have suffered a head injury re-take the exam to help determine: a.) the extent of the injury b.) the location of the injury and c.) when the injury has healed. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)’s Sports Concussion Program is the founding group of this software. If your child is believed to have suffered a concussion in the future during competition and is our patient at that time, he/she will be asked to take the exam again at that time and the data will be compared to the baseline data from the test that he/she takes today.

The baseline test results and any subsequent results are stored at the Saint Barnabas Medical Center and UPMC. Saint Barnabas Medical Center may share results with other medical professionals to help interpret the data. The information may also be shared with your child’s pediatrician or any other healthcare provider at your request and subject to completed medical authorization. The information gained in this program may also be utilized in studies being conducted by both Saint Barnabas Medical Center and UPMC. We have set-up an anonymous identification system.

We wish to stress that there is no invasive work being done with the baseline test. We are excited to implement this program given that it provides us the best available information for managing concussions and preventing potential brain damage that can occur with multiple concussions. If you are interested in having your child screened under the terms outlines, please complete the information below and return. If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact, Carole Andreou – 973.322.7516.

PERMISSION SLIP

For use of the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT) and use and storage of any and all test results:

I have read the above information. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to have my child participate in the ImPACT Concussion Management Program and the research.

Printed Name of Child: _____

Sport(s): _____

Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Patient

Date

Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Patient

Date

Signature of Witness

Date