



Announcement: The AIA is offering ImPACT testing to member schools

In collaboration with Barrow Neurological Institute and AT Still University, the Arizona Interscholastic Association is offering free ImPACT testing to eligible schools. This program will be known as the **Barrow Concussion Network**.

Objective:

To provide concussion coverage for all Arizona Interscholastic Association high school athletes.

Who?

Barrow Neurological Institute, AT Still University, and the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

What?

The Barrow Concussion Network provides AIA member schools access to computerized assessment tools (ImPACT) and concussion management resources. ImPACT testing is made possible by a grant from Dick's Sporting Goods Protecting Athletes through Concussion Education (PACE) program.

How?

Athletic directors, coaches, athletic trainers, and primary care providers involved in the care and management of concussion in student athletes will access ImPACT. Athletic directors of eligible AIA schools will receive an email from ImPACT. They must select an ImPACT supervising clinician (MD, DO, or PhD) for their school. Those schools without an ImPACT supervising clinician may enter Javier Cárdenas, MD or Tamara McLeod, PhD as their ImPACT supervising clinician.

Frequently asked questions:

Is this a requirement of the AIA?

No. This is an optional program offered by the AIA with Barrow Neurological Institute and AT Still University.

Does this replace Brainbook?

No. Brainbook is concussion education required by the AIA. The Barrow Concussion Network is for concussion management and resources.

How long is ImPACT available?

Dick's Sporting Goods has generously agreed to provide baseline AND post-injury testing for the 2012-2013 school year.

Which schools are eligible to be part of the Barrow Concussion Network?

All AIA member schools are eligible to be part of the Barrow Concussion Network. Those schools not currently using ImPACT will be automatically enrolled in the program.

How will I know if my school is involved in the program?

The athletic directors at all eligible schools received an email with the subject line "Your ImPACT Account Information." This email provides a user name and password.

What if my school is already using ImPACT?

AIA member schools already using ImPACT are not automatically enrolled in the Barrow Concussion Network, but may elect to be part of the network and access concussion management resources.

How does the Barrow Concussion Network work?

Clinical members of the Barrow Concussion Network will be trained to administer and interpret ImPACT baseline and post-injury testing for their student athletes. Barrow Neurological Institute and AT Still University will provide resources for concussion management of AIA high school athletes.

How and where does the training occur?

One training session has occurred. Another live training for clinical providers will be available in October, 2012. Training sessions are also available online:
www.impacttest.com

Who do I contact if I have further questions or difficulty accessing ImPACT?

Please contact Javier Cárdenas, MD at javier.cardenas@dignityhealth.org or Tamara McLeod, PhD at tmcleod@atsu.edu.