

ABSTRACT

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Concussions Costing Ontario Tax Payers over 1 Billion Dollars a Year

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We provide preliminary findings of our analysis of 112 comprehensive Psychological Evaluation Reports of individuals referred to a private psychological clinic for suspected Disability Status. Of that number 12% were diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury utilizing neuroimaging techniques and 14% diagnosed utilizing the latest DSMV criteria without neuroimaging. The Ontario Government reports that as of February 2016 some 464,752 beneficiaries of ODSP were listed from 337,587 case files. We utilize a conservative estimate of \$1,000 per month of ODSP payments to each case file, or 4.05 Billion dollars per year. Of that number we estimate that approximately 1.05 Billion dollars is provided in direct payments each year to individuals suffering from the lingering impact of concussion or traumatic brain injury. While Post-Concussion Syndrome or Traumatic Brain Injury is not the only diagnosis provided for each individual, we suspect that the concussive events were significant incidents often beginning the spiral downward into disability status. Significant implications for early identification, education and policy formation are provided.