

APPENDIX 4: VHA Directive 2007-013, April 13, 2007

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SCREENING – NATIONAL VA CLINICAL REMINDER

(For decision process, see Flow Chart below.)

Section 1: The veteran experienced the following events during OIF/OEF deployment:

Blast or Explosion – IED (improvised explosive device), RPG (rocket propelled grenade),
Land Mine, Grenade, etc.
Vehicular accident/crash (any vehicle, including aircraft)
Fragment wound or bullet wound above the shoulders
Fall

Section 2: The veteran had the following symptoms immediately afterwards:

Losing consciousness/"knocked out"
Being dazed, confused or "seeing stars"
Not remembering the event
Concussion
Head injury

Section 3: The veteran states the following problems began or got worse afterwards:

Memory problems or lapses
Balance problems or Dizziness
Sensitivity to bright light
Irritability
Headaches
Sleep problems

Section 4: The veteran relates he/she is currently having or has had the following symptoms within the past week:

Memory problems or lapses
Balance problems or dizziness
Sensitivity to bright light
Irritability
Headaches
Sleep problems

FLOW CHART: TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SCREENING IN VETERANS OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF)

