

Ripon Medical Center's Concussion Testing Program

Ripon Medical Center is a member of WIsportsconcussion.org . As a member RMC is able to offer the ImPACT™ testing to the athletes from Ripon and other area athletes that we serve through our Athletic Training Outreach Program.

What is ImPACT™ tm?

ImPACT™ is a well-researched, user-friendly, computerized test developed to help medical professionals evaluate an athlete's recovery following concussion. ImPACT™ has been scientifically validated to measure the effects of sports related concussion on the brain.

In the pre-season, each athlete should take 20-30 minutes to complete a baseline test. When a concussion is suspected, a follow-up test can be administered to see if the results have changed from the baseline. This comparison helps to diagnose and manage the concussion. Follow-up tests can be administered over days or weeks so that medical professionals and clinicians are able to continue to track the athlete's recovery from the injury.

How much does ImPACT™ testing cost?

Baseline testing is free to all athletes entering high school from Ripon, Markesan and Green Lake High Schools, as well as to the athletes from Ripon College. The proceeds from the Ripon Medical Center Triathlon cover the cost of the testing.

Is the baseline test mandatory?

Baseline testing is not mandatory, but all athletes given the opportunity to take the test are encouraged to do so. These tests are only tools. Just like relying on the symptoms the athlete reports or using an ECG for evaluation of the heart; they need to be combined with judgment of medical professionals and clinicians in order to provide the best possible care for concussion.

Why can't my child take a follow up ImPACT™ exam at school?

We perform baseline testing at most of the local high schools. However, if your child suffers a concussion, it is recommended that he or she be evaluated by a physician prior to returning to activity. Due to the medical nature of the Post Concussion ImPACT™ test, it is only administered in a physician or Rehab clinic where it can be accurately evaluated and utilized as part of the examination.

Is concussion management covered by my insurance?

Most insurance companies cover the office visit and the ImPACT™ exam. However, we always encourage our patients to verify coverage prior to coming to the appointment. You may be able to use your Flexible Spending Account for this treatment.

How do I find out more information about ImPACT™ or the concussion program at RMC?

For more information about the concussion-testing program through Ripon Medical Center contact Chris Schattschneider, Sports Medicine Coordinator at 920-748-0528. For general questions about concussions or ImPACT™ you can visit WIsportsconcussion.org or talk to your physician.