



# Neurology Grand Rounds

## “CONCUSSION CARE 2021 OR ‘I THINK I HAVE CHRONIC TRAUMATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY’: A CLINICIAN’S GUIDE TO MANAGING A RESEARCH PHENOMENON”

### Learning Objectives:

1. Critically discuss the scientific literature and ongoing sports-specific, civilian and military-centric research studies related to concussion
2. Recommend an evidence-based diagnostic approach for individuals who believe they are at risk for or have dementia or CTE due to repeated concussions
3. Utilize appropriate and effective risk communication strategies concerning blast exposure, repetitive concussion, and dementia/CTE for individuals, Caregivers and Clinicians treatment trials



David Cifu, MD is an academic leader and innovator who specializes in initiating, developing, fostering and leading small and large-scale collaborations across the research, clinical, education and philanthropic arenas to create knowledge, add value and build opportunities. He is the Associate Dean for Innovation and System Integration in the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Medicine, and the Chairman and *Herman J. Flax, MD* Professor (tenured) of the Department of PM&R at VCU-School of Medicine in Richmond, Virginia. He is also Chief of PM&R Services for the VCU Health System and Founding Director of the VCU-Center for Rehabilitation Sciences and Engineering (CERSE).

Dr. Cifu assumed the role of Senior TBI Specialist for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in September 2015. Prior to this role, he served as National Director of PM&R (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) for Veterans Health Administration from 2009-2015, overseeing all polytrauma, amputation and traumatic brain injury services during the Gulf Wars.

He has been funded on 49 research grants for over \$246 million, including currently serving as Principal Investigator of the VA/DoD \$112.2 million Chronic Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium (CENC) since 2013. In his more than 30 years as an academic physiatrist, he has delivered more than 580 regional, national and international lectures, published more than 230 scientific articles and co-authored/edited 40 books and chapters.

He is the Past President of the American Academy of PM&R (2007-8), Editor-in-Chief of the 5th and 6th Editions of Braddom’s Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation textbook (2015/2021) and co-Editor of Braddom’s Handbook of Rehabilitation Medicine (2017).

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