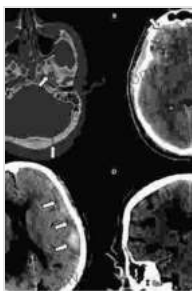


# Neuroimaging of Traumatic Brain Injury: Exploring the Hidden Damage

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a major public health concern, affecting millions of people worldwide each year. TBI can result from a variety of causes, including motor vehicle accidents, sports injuries, and falls. The severity of TBI can range from mild to severe, and the consequences can be lifelong.

Neuroimaging plays a critical role in the diagnosis and management of TBI. Neuroimaging techniques can help to identify the location and extent of brain injury, as well as to assess the severity of the injury and to monitor its progression.

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A variety of neuroimaging techniques can be used to evaluate TBI. The most commonly used techniques include:

- **Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)** is a non-invasive imaging technique that uses magnetic fields and radio waves to create detailed images of the brain. MRI is the most sensitive neuroimaging technique for detecting TBI, and it can be used to identify even small areas of brain injury.
- **Computed tomography (CT)** is a non-invasive imaging technique that uses X-rays to create cross-sectional images of the brain. CT is less sensitive than MRI for detecting TBI, but it is faster and less expensive.
- **Positron emission tomography (PET)** is a nuclear medicine imaging technique that uses radioactive tracers to measure brain activity. PET can be used to identify areas of the brain that are injured or dysfunctional after TBI.
- **Single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT)** is a nuclear medicine imaging technique that uses radioactive tracers to measure brain blood flow. SPECT can be used to identify areas of the brain that are injured or dysfunctional after TBI.
- **Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI)** is a non-invasive imaging technique that measures brain activity by detecting changes in blood flow. fMRI can be used to identify areas of the brain that are activated during different tasks, and it can be used to assess the effects of TBI on brain function.
- **Diffusion tensor imaging (DTI)** is a non-invasive imaging technique that measures the diffusion of water molecules in the brain. DTI can be

used to identify areas of the brain that are injured or dysfunctional after TBI, and it can be used to track the progression of TBI over time.

- **Tractography** is a non-invasive imaging technique that uses DTI to map the white matter tracts in the brain. Tractography can be used to identify areas of the brain that are injured or dysfunctional after TBI, and it can be used to track the progression of TBI over time.

Neuroimaging biomarkers are objective measures that can be used to identify and quantify TBI. Neuroimaging biomarkers can be used to:

- **Diagnose TBI**
- **Assess the severity of TBI**
- **Monitor the progression of TBI**
- **Predict the outcome of TBI**

A number of neuroimaging biomarkers have been identified for TBI. These biomarkers include:

- **Brain volume**
- **White matter integrity**
- **Gray matter density**
- **Cerebral blood flow**
- **Brain metabolism**

Neuroimaging biomarkers are a valuable tool for the diagnosis and management of TBI. These biomarkers can help to improve the accuracy of

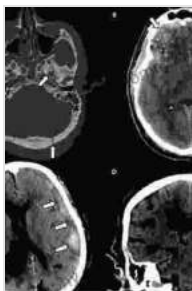
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