

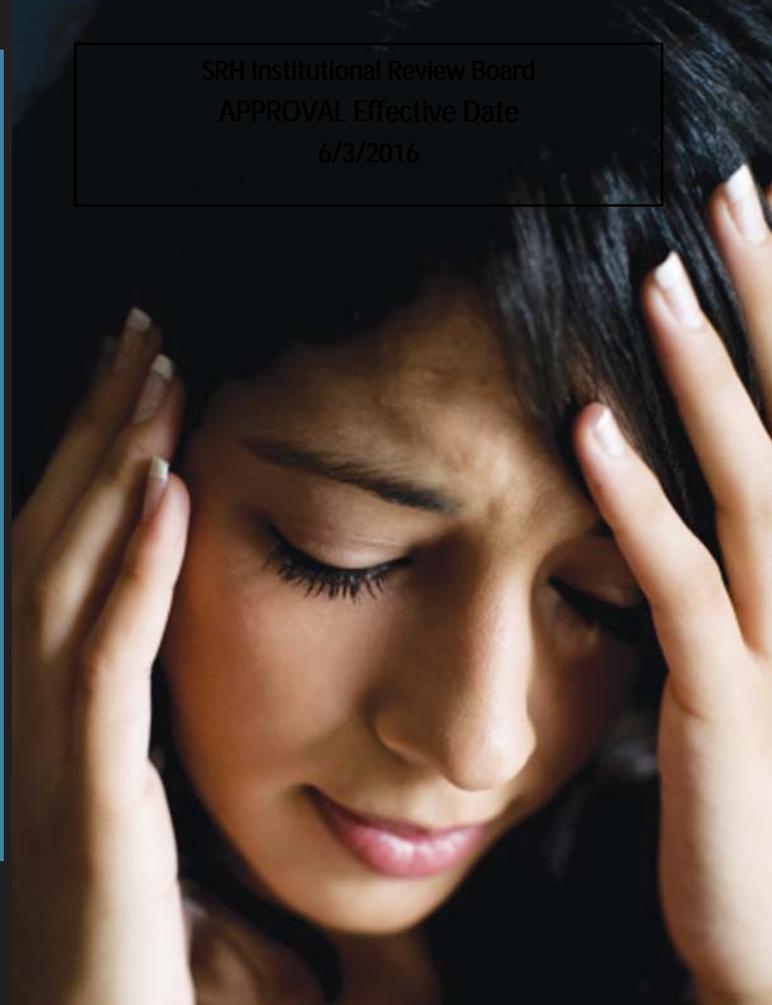
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DO YOU HAVE MEMORY PROBLEMS FROM A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY?

Is it a struggle to think clearly and remember information?

Take part in a 14-Week (4 visit) research study at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital investigating the effects of a medication, Donepezil, on memory.

WE ARE RECRUITING:

- 18-60 years of age
- Diagnosed with a Traumatic Brain Injury more than 6 months ago
- Not currently taking Donepezil, Galantimine, or oral contraceptive

Earn up to \$120 for study completion

For questions and more information, contact Laura A. Burns, MBA, Research Enrollment Coordinator at 617.952.6192

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Things You Should Know About Memory after Traumatic Brain Injury

- Memory problems resulting from a brain injury are **not** like those you see on TV or in the movies
 - **Most people** with memory problems after TBI **remember who they are and information about their life before the injury**
 - They **have trouble learning and remembering new information**
- In the moments following injury to the brain, most people are **confused**. During the time when they are confused, they are **unable to make new memories** and **cannot recall things that happened right before their injuries**. Doctors call the inability to learn new information after a brain injury “**post-traumatic amnesia**” (or **PTA**, for short).
 - PTA is usually **not a permanent condition**.
 - PTA **may last for hours, days or weeks** after TBI.
 - A person no longer experiences PTA when his is able to **remember day-to-day events well enough to tell others about them**.
- Despite recovering from period of post-traumatic amnesia, many people with TBI **continue to have memory problems**.
 - Many people also have trouble learning and remembering everyday kinds of things for **months or years** after TBI.
 - Persons with memory problems after brain injury tend to **remember routine things** (like a daily event or the time of a favorite TV show) **better than non-routine things** (like the details of an unexpected telephone call)
- Examples of common memory problems experienced by people with TBI include:
 - Forgetting appointments
 - Forgetting peoples’ names, especially the names of new people
 - Needing to have things repeated many times in order to remember them
 - Taking longer to learn new information
 - Forgetting things very quickly
 - Repeating questions or repeating the same story over and over again
 - Frequently losing or misplacing things (like keys, wallet, eyeglasses, cell phone)
 - Forgetting to take medications
 - Forgetting that you took a medication already and taking it again
- Having trouble remembering these kinds of things can **cause problems in everyday life**.

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital is conducting a research study to evaluate the effect of a medication, Donepezil, as a treatment for functionally important verbal memory problems in TBIs.

For more information or to see if you qualify, please contact
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