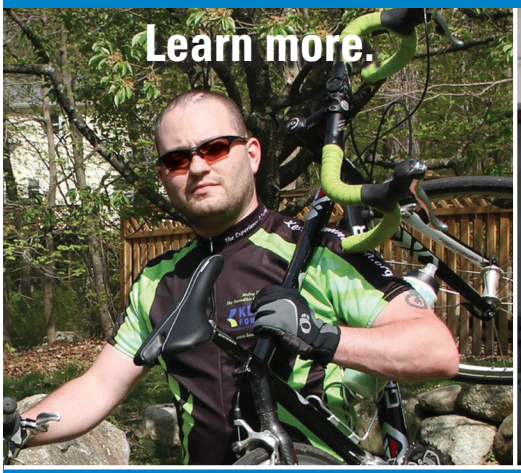

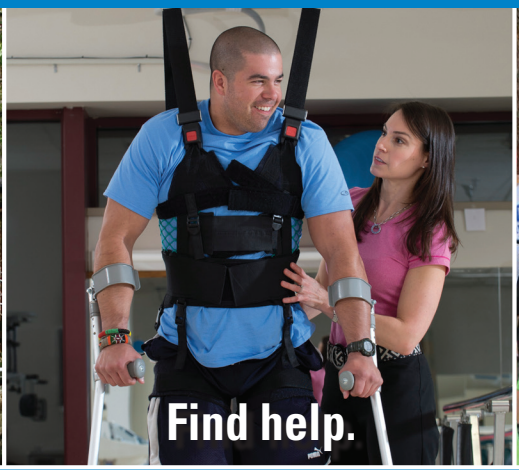

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BRAIN INJURY FACTS AND STATISTICS

- More than 3.5 million children and adults sustain an acquired brain injury (ABI) each year, but the total incidence is unknown.
- An ABI is any injury to the brain that is not hereditary, congenital, degenerative, or induced by birth trauma.
- Typical causes of ABI include:
  - Electric Shock
  - Infectious Disease
  - Lightning Strike
  - Near Drowning
  - Oxygen Deprivation (Hypoxia/Anoxia)
  - Seizure Disorders
  - Stroke
  - Substance Abuse
  - Toxic Exposure
  - Trauma
  - Tumor

More than 12 million Americans live with the impact of ABI.

- Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a subset of ABI and is caused by trauma to the brain from an external force.
- At least 2.5 million children and adults sustain TBIs in the U.S. each year:
  - 2.2 million are treated in emergency departments for TBI each year.
  - 280,000 are hospitalized for TBI each year.
  - 50,000 die because of TBI each year.
- The number of people who sustain TBIs and do not seek treatment is unknown.
- Every 13 seconds, someone in the U.S. sustains a TBI.
- One of every 60 people in the U.S. lives with a TBI-related disability.
- Every day, 137 people in the U.S. die because of a TBI-related injury.
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- There are many causes of TBI:
  - Falls – 40.5%
  - Struck by/against – 15.5%
  - Motor vehicle – 14.3%
  - Assaults – 10.7%
  - Unknown – 19%

- At least 5.3 million Americans live with TBI-related disabilities.
- When someone sustains a brain injury, many people are affected:
  - Survivors and their parents, spouses, siblings, extended families, and friends
  - Healthcare providers, including surgeons, physicians, counselors, rehab therapists, social workers, and personal care attendants
  - Insurance companies that issue auto accident, individual, and group health, disability, life and re-insurance policies
  - Attorneys of all types, including those who handle personal injury, insurance and disability claims, civil rights/discrimination, domestic actions, wills, estates, and trusts
  - Educators at every level, but especially special education teachers and those who prepare America's future healthcare workforce
  - Government agencies that administer health and social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), vocational rehab
  - Employers of all types

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