

HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

102 S. Hickory Avenue
Bel Air, MD 21014

Office of Athletics

Dear Parent:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the Concussion Management Program (CMP). Sumit Bassi, MD supervises the Concussion Management Program (CMP) for Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) student athletes. CMP is administered by ATI Sports Medicine and HCPS personal and overseen by Dr. Sumit Bassi of the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health System, Bel Air, Maryland, a doctor with substantial experience in concussion management and sports medicine.

The primary elements of the CMP are as follows:

1. Baseline CMP testing is available through ATI and Dr. Bassi and will be administered at your child's school. This baseline testing will be administered and stored via a computer program and application known as IMPACT.
2. Baseline testing described above is free of charge, and will be performed at your child's school.
3. Baseline testing can be performed on **HCPS computers**. HCPS will not have access to any of the information or results relating to the testing. HCPS will not evaluate or review the test results as it will not have access to this data.
4. The results of the baseline testing will be available to Dr. Bassi who will review the testing data. Parents of student athletes who participate in the CMP (or the student athlete if adults) may obtain the testing results from Dr. Bassi.
5. Any and all evaluation, treatment or other medical care relating to the CMP is performed by Dr. Bassi. Any follow up medical care or treatment, after the administration and/or review of the baseline testing results, are subject to billing by Dr. Bassi's office.
6. Contact information for Dr. Bassi is as follows:

Dr. Sumit Bassi
Orthopedic Specialty Group
510 Upper Chesapeake Drive, Suite 417
Bel Air, MD 21014
443-643-3130

HCPS is providing the above information as part of a continuing effort to increase awareness regarding concussion and head injuries in high school sports.

This testing program is not a mandatory requirement of sports participation but voluntary participation in this program is highly recommended by HCPS.

**CONSENT FOR SPORTS CONCUSSION TESTING PROGRAM
and RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Student Name: _____

I understand that pre-concussion baseline testing will be administered at my son/daughter's high school, and is a part of the procedure for guiding their return to sports participation after the injury.

Procedures

- There is no charge to the athlete for this pre-concussion baseline testing conducted at the school. Costs associated with this testing are being covered by Harford County Public Schools, ATI Sports Medicine and the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health.
- The results of this pre-concussion testing will be reviewed and filed in a secure website by Dr. Sumit Bassi, M.D., Medical Consultant for Harford County Public Schools and a sports medicine and concussion specialist with the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health System in Bel Air.
- If my son or daughter sustains a concussion, a post-injury test may be necessary for comparison with the baseline test to help guide return to sports participation.
- The post-injury tests will not be administered at the school but, if necessary, can be administered and reviewed by a consulting concussion specialist to advise a next course of action.
- I may choose to use Dr. Bassi at University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health as the concussion specialist or I may elect to consult with my primary care physician or another concussion specialist outside of the school system to assist my son/daughter's recovery. Results of the pre-concussion testing can be made available in writing only on request.
- Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) is not providing medical coverage or reimbursement for any testing, assessment, follow-up, or rehabilitation beyond the initial pre-concussion baseline screening test.

Limitations on Use of Information

- I understand that the concussion baseline testing is designed only for concussion management and not as an intelligence or IQ test and will not be used for educational planning or placement decisions.
- It is important to recognize that blows to the head can cause a variety of injuries other than concussions (e.g., neck injuries, more serious brain injuries). The sports concussion program is designed for concussions only. You must see your doctor as soon as possible to address any other medical concerns.

Storage, Use of Information, Persons Authorized Access, and Confidentiality

- University of Maryland Chesapeake Health will comply with all HIPAA procedures in regards to these records.

Acknowledgement and Consent

I have read this document completely and I understand the terms and conditions set forth above under Procedures, Limitation on Use of Information, and Storage, Use of Information, Persons Authorized Access, and Confidentiality. I understand that this testing program is not a mandatory requirement of sports participation but voluntary participation in this program is highly recommended by Harford County Public Schools. I consent to the administration of the concussion testing of my child under this program and to the release of my child's testing information and related protected health information to the individuals specified in this form.

Printed Name of parent or guardian: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date _____

(Parent/Guardian Contact Phone #) _____

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Official Use Only:

Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Grade _____ Sport: _____