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Perioperative management of patients with recent concussion: A Delphi consensus project study protocol

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective The aim of this study is to identify gaps in knowledge regarding perioperative management of patients with recent concussion and ultimately.

Rationale There is a lack of high-quality evidence from randomized controlled studies to answer important questions regarding the optimal management of post-concussion patients in the perioperative setting.

Condition being studied Concussion, or mTBI, can lead to deranged neurophysiology that persists for weeks to months post injury. Observational studies suggested that mTBI patients who were subsequently exposed to extracranial surgery and anesthesia had worse functional and neurocognitive outcomes as compared to mTBI patients without exposure to surgery and anesthesia.

METHODS

Participant or population Adult patients (>18 years) with recent concussion undergoing elective non-cardiac surgery.

Intervention N/A.

Comparator N/A.

Study designs to be included RCT, cohort studies, and meta-analyses.

Eligibility criteria Published in English from inception to July 2024.

Information sources MEDLINE, Pubmed, Embase, ClinicalTrials.gov, Cochrane database.

Main outcome(s) Establish consensus recommendations among a panel of international experts regarding the optimal perioperative management of patients with recent concussion.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis To be determined.

Strategy of data synthesis Data will be extracted on study characteristics, concussion-specific factors, perioperative management details, and patient outcomes.

Subgroup analysis To be determined.

Sensitivity analysis To be determined.

Country(ies) involved University of Toronto, Canada; University of Manitoba, Canada; University of Washington, Seattle, USA.

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