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RE: Common Data Elements for Traumatic Brain Injury Trials and Research

Dear Colleagues,

As the incoming President of the National Neurotrauma Society I wish to express the gratitude of our society and its office bares to you for the funding and organizational support which has enabled the common data elements for traumatic brain injury project to come to fruition. As you are all well aware, traumatic brain injury continues to be the largest cause of death and disability among young persons in the United States and worldwide, and an important step in construction better quality clinical trials to address this problem is to standardize data collection instruments across academia industry, the military, and other stakeholders.



We are extremely grateful to Dr. Andrew Maas and his coworkers for bringing to completion the first step achieving this aim.

The expectation that the common data elements tools will be available on the World Wide Web to all those who wish to construct focused clinical trials will save an enormous amount of time, labor and money as well facilitate data management in our field. The National Neurotrauma Society will continue to support this project maximally in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ross Bullock".

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