

*Chuck Noll Foundation for Brain Injury Research Presents
Advances in Brain Injury Research:
Transforming Lives Through Better Science*

Date: Friday, March 20th, 2026
Location: Champion's Club- Acrisure Stadium
Directors: Anthony Kontos, PhD; Micky Collins, PhD; Joseph Maroon, MD; Donald Whiting, MD

AGENDA

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| 8:00-8:15am | <i>Opening Remarks- Mr. Art Rooney II</i> |
| | <i>Introduction- Drs. Kontos, Collins, Maroon, Whiting</i> |
| 8:15-9:30am | <i>Session 1: Building Better Concussion Care through Evidence- Moderator- Dr. Don Whiting</i> |
| 8:15-8:35am | <i>The Evolving Landscape of Concussion Care- Dr. Kevin Guskiewicz</i> |
| 8:35-8:55am | <i>Concussion Clinical Profiles and Targeted Treatments- Dr. Micky Collins</i> |
| 8:55-9:15am | <i>Transforming Concussion Care Moving Forward- Dr. Anthony Kontos</i> |
| 9:15-9:30am | <i>Session 1 Discussion/Q&A</i> |
| 9:30-9:45am | <i>Break</i> |
| 9:45-11am | <i>Session 2: Brain Injury and Women's Health- Moderator- Leslie Davis, CEO & President of UPMC</i> |
| 9:45-10:05am | <i>Concussion in Women and Girls: What Do We Really Know?- Dr. Alicia Trbovich</i> |
| 10:05-10:25am | <i>Updates from the WOMEN'S Health Concussion Study- Dr. Julie Rios</i> |
| 10:25-10:45am | <i>Enhancing Outcomes for Women following Concussion: Case Examples- Dr. Melissa Womble</i> |
| 10:45-11am | <i>Session 2 Discussion/Q&A</i> |
| 11:00-11:45am | <i>What's Next in Brain Injury and Brain Health Research? Panel Discussion- Moderator- Dr. Regis Haid- All Speakers and Moderators</i> |
| 11:45am-12:15pm | <i>Tour of Acrisure Stadium and Steelers' Locker Room with Mr. Art Rooney, II, Jerome Betis, and Merrill Hodge</i> |
| 12:15-1:00pm | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1:00-2:15pm | <i>Session 3: Brain Health- Moderator- Dr. Joseph Maroon</i> |
| 1:00-1:20pm | <i>Sports and Brain Health: What Have We Learned So Far?- Dr. Julia Kofler</i> |

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| 1:20-1:40pm | <i>Novel Markers for Longterm Brain Health- Dr. Tommy Karikari</i> |
| 1:40-2:00pm | <i>Football and the Brain: Findings from the Brain Health Initiative- Dr. David Okonkwo</i> |
| 2:00-2:15pm | Session 3 Discussion/Q&A |
| 2:15-2:30pm | <i>Break</i> |
| 2:30-3:00pm | <i>Session 4: The Future is Bright!: Spotlight on Research from Chuck Noll Foundation Early Career Investigator Awardees- Moderator- Dr. Don Whiting</i> |
| 2:30-2:40pm | <i>Wireless, Self-Powered, Metamaterial Intracranial Pressure Sensor for Traumatic Brain Injury- Ben Carnovale</i> |
| 2:40-2:50pm | <i>Targeting Cerebellar Pathway Disruptions after Repetitive Mild Traumatic Brain Injury- Dr. Ashley Russell</i> |
| 2:50-3:00pm | <i>Cervical Spinal Cord Stimulation for Upper Limb Motor Recovery Following Spinal Cord Injury- Dr. Evan Rogers</i> |
| 3:00-3:15pm | Session 4 Discussion/Q&A |
| 3:15-3:30pm | <i>Closing Remarks: Drs. Kontos, Collins, Maroon, Whiting</i> |
