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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

After a Traumatic Brain Injury: Can the Hormone Progesterone Make a Difference?

Every year 50,000 Americans die from a brain injury caused by a car accident, a fall or a blow from a heavy object. Many more individuals are disabled by these terrible injuries to the head.

Because there is no effective medical treatment for a traumatic brain injury, researchers at the University of Cincinnati and 16 other medical centers across the country are working hard to find one.

They will be taking part in a groundbreaking study to learn whether progesterone, a protective hormone that occurs naturally in the body of both men and women, can help lessen damage to the brain following a traumatic injury.

The study, called PROTECT III, will involve patients who have suffered a moderate to severe brain injury and who can begin treatment within four hours of their injury.

Time is of the essence. The gravely injured person will be unconscious and unable to consent to participate in this study. In addition, doctors may not be able to quickly locate a family member who can give consent in the patient's behalf. If this happens, special rules established by the Food and Drug Administration allow emergency investigational treatment to begin.

If you would not want to be included in this study in the event that you were to suffer a traumatic brain injury, you can opt out ahead of time. For more information about the study, or to opt out, please call the University of Cincinnati at (513) 558-0095 or contact sara.stark@uc.edu