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ATSNJ Lends Support to New Campaign Addressing Concussion in Youth Sports

On March 30, the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey in partnership with the Mountainside Health Foundation held a press conference, immediately following an ATSNJ Northern Meeting announcing a new campaign addressing Concussion in Youth Sports in the schools and communities served by Mountainside Hospital. The press conference consisted of speakers Jill Shulman, Senior Director of Development for the Brain Injury Association of NJ, Dr. Joseph H. Rempson, Associate Medical Director at Overlook Hospital's Concussion Center, Rob Rehberg, ATSNJ's Past President, Mike Prybicien, ATSNJ's President, and Alex Lucaci, a senior at Summit High School. Lucaci gave a detailed account of a concussion he received during soccer season and how his symptoms have affected his life.

Dr. Robb Rehberg past-president of the ATSNJ addressed the media, stating "The ATSNJ commends and supports the efforts by both the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey and the Mountainside Hospital." Rehberg spoke of Congressman Bill Pascrell ' Concussion Treatment and Care Tools Act of 2009' or the 'ConTACT Act of 2009". This bill introduced by Congressman Pascrell on March 5, 2009 aims to provide for the establishment and implementation of concussion management guidelines with respect to school-aged children and for other purposes.

The partnership will earmark \$40,000 to help 21 North Jersey schools purchase a subscription for ImPact Concussion management software. ImPact uses neuropsychological testing to create a baseline and post concussion testing to help foster the safe return to play from a concussion. For more information, go to www.sportsconcussion.com.