



ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY PRESIDENT APPEARS ON FOX5 NY GOOD DAY STREET TALK: ADDRESSES CONCUSSIONS

Saturday, September 25, 2010 – Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey President, Michael Prybicien, MA, ATC, CSCS, along with 2 student-athletes and Dr. Jill Brooks spoke on the Fox 5 NY program Good Day Street Talk about the importance of concussion recognition and education.

The program hosted by Lisa Murphy, which aired September 25th, focused on some of the biggest issues facing teens as they head back to school. The segment on concussions which Prybicien was featured as part of a panel, discussed the safety of today's young athletes. As a new school year begins so does the athletic season! The panel discussed why concussions have become a major concern for student athletes and their parents and what is being done with regards to education, recognition and management.

Michael Prybicien, the head athletic trainer at Passaic High School and president of the Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey, comments focused on the need of continuing the concussion education process to parents, coaches, and athletes as the research and information on concussions is continually evolving. Prybicien stressed the following areas of concussion care: education, recognition, reporting and management.

He stated that while he is proud that athletic trainers are on staff at 86 percent of the NJ's high schools he is concerned with the national average of only 42% as athletic trainers. "Athletic trainers are and should be the on the front lines of concussion management and education for athletes of all ages." according to Prybicien

Dr. Jill Brooks commented "Athletic Trainers are most knowledgeable about concussions and how to handle them on the field".

Parents, coaches, athletes or medical professionals interested in learning more about concussion care can contact the ATSNJ at 973-933-4933 or visit the ATSNJ website at www.atsnj.org

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