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## *Exploring Advances In Research To Improve TBI Outcomes*

March 27, 2009 8:30 a.m. – Noon  
101 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. Caucus Room, Ninth Floor

**John S. Parker, MD**  
**Former Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command**  
**Moderator**

*Research indicates that 10 to 20 percent of troops exposed to combat in Iraq and Afghanistan may have suffered mild traumatic brain injury (TBI). In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1.1 million persons with TBIs are treated and released from hospital emergency departments each year, and 250,00 more are hospitalized for such injuries. What are the long-term implications of these injuries? What new research avenues are being pursued to deal with them? What is being done to ensure that research findings are translated into patient care?*

8:00 a.m. coffee

**Opening remarks: James B. Peake, MD, Former Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs [8:30 – 8:40]**

*Issues prominent in TBI research [8:40 – 9:00]*

**Lt. Col. Michael Jaffee, MD, Director, Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center**

**Ann McKee, MD, Co-Director, Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, Boston University School of Medicine; Neuropathologist, Bedford, Mass., VA Medical Center**

**Open Discussion [9:00 – 9:40]**

*Examples of current TBI research and potential implications for care [9:40 – 10:10]*

**Gale Pollock, MBA, RN, Director, Center for Ocular Regeneration and Vision Restoration  
University of Pittsburgh**

**Jordan Grafman, PhD, Chief, Cognitive Neuroscience Section, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke**

**Karen Lohmann Siegel, PT, Health Scientist Administrator, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Chief Therapist, U.S. Public Health Service**

**Open Discussion [10:10 – 10:50]**

*Translating research into patient care [10:50 – 11:20]*

**Richard G. Ivins, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist**

**Alex Ommaya, ScD, Director, Translational Research Program, Veterans Health Administration**

**Thomas DeGraba, MD, Chief of Medical Operations, National Intrepid Center of Excellence**

*Targeted discussion on priorities for TBI research and translation into care [11:20 – 11:50]*

*Moderator closing comments [11:50 - Noon]*

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