

Mild traumatic brain injury definition

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The most frequently used [definition](#) of [mild traumatic brain injury](#) is a [GCS](#) score between 13-15 and loss of [consciousness](#) of less than 30 minutes or [amnesia](#) not extending beyond 24 hours after [blunt head injury](#) ¹⁾.

Traditionally, mild head injury has been defined as GCS $\geq$ 13. However, the increased frequency of both surgical lesions and CT scan abnormalities in patients with GCS=13 suggests that they would be better classified with moderate rather than mild head injuries ²⁾.

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