

What to do if Your Child's Symptoms Aren't Abating

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Dr. Deborah Little: The question becomes, what happens when your child's MRI or CT is normal and three or four weeks later they're still complaining of headaches or they're complaining of dizziness or you've noticed changes in their behavior, they're having trouble in school or they're getting in trouble in school.

The answer is imaging, standard imaging technologies probably will not help you that much. Going to the more advance technologies will give you an idea if there are, you know, really disruptive tracts that can occur or whether that kind of normal development has been impacted by the injury. But most of the time the classic, you know, recommendation is go to somebody who really understands pediatric brain injury. And although we don't have a huge number of those in the U.S., there are still, in every major city, some very good people who understand what concussion is and what the long term effects are. And obviously it's important for a parent to understand, you need to keep a second concussion from happening because the best predictor of one concussion is having a previous one.