Children’s brains do not have as much of a protein called myelin, which helps protect the brain. Kids have larger heads and weaker necks and torsos, so if they fall they are much more likely to have their heads snap backward and hit the ground. Youngsters tend to have the worst equipment, least experienced coaches and no medical personnel at the scene. Children should not play tackle football before the age of 14.

– Dr. Robert C. Cantu, Professor Department of Neurosurgery, Boston University School of Medicine

You only get one brain. The thing you want your kids to do most is succeed in life and be everything they can be. Football may impinge on that, may limit that.

– Dr. Ann McKee, Neuropathologist, Boston University

Younger children take longer to recover from head trauma.

– Zuckerman, Surgery Neurology International

A win on the youth league football field is nothing compared to a child’s right to a good quality of life and a healthy brain.

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CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy) is a brain disease caused by repeated hits to the head. It is degenerative, progressive, and destroys proper brain function. It has been diagnosed in most of the NFL football players autopsied for the disease and is now being found in college and high school players. It is also showing up in military veterans exposed to head trauma and in athletes from other contact sports involving repeated head impacts and concussions. Young brains need to be protected from head trauma and brain jostling which may contribute to the chances for developing CTE.

For children between the ages of 10-14, the number of visits to emergency departments for head trauma has increased from under 2,500 in 1997 to over 15,000 in 2013 (despite the decrease in participation in contact football for that age group).

We need to stop hitting children in the head for sport. A lifetime of brain trauma opens the door to terrible things. Those 300 hits a year at 9, 10, 11 years old add up.

– Chris Nowinski, Concussion Legacy Foundation

Helmets do not prevent CTE and may even contribute by causing a false sense of security

Kids are getting bigger and stronger. In 1990 researchers say kids ages 6 to 17 visited the emergency room with football-related injuries 274,094 times. In 2007 that number increased 27 percent to 346,772 times.

– The Center for Injury Research and Policy, Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Children ages 7 to 15 suffered 71% of sports related concussions seen in emergency departments.

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