

CASE:

Ken Cowling (Father of Greg)

DOCTOR

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Patient Name: Greg Cowling

Age: Grade 6

Occupation: School Boy

Family situation: Lives at home with both parents - Father Interstate truck owner-driver

Past history:

Medications:

Allergies:

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#### Description of the Situation

Greg is now in grade 6 at school and has been plying soccer for some three years playing in goal. Last Saturday while playing a game of soccer he sustained a head injury and was unconscious for approximately ?? seconds. He had no memory of the incident and could only just remember starting to play the game which had been some thirty minutes before the injury.

He was taken to hospital where a skull x-ray was done and observed for 4 hours without any abnormal signs being found.

His mother was told by the Registrar that there was evidence of a previous skull fracture and the Registrar has said to the mother that Greg under no circumstances should play soccer or heavy physical contact sports.

Greg at the age of four years fell very heavily while riding his bike and was subsequently admitted to hospital with a head injury with loss of consciousness for a few minutes but an x-ray at that time was reported to be normal. He had spent 2 days in hospital and had been discharged with no abnormalities found. At the age of seven years Greg had been knocked out when he first started playing soccer and had had an epileptiform seizure following "swallowing his tongue" after the injury. He recovered well and had been taken to hospital on this occasion where an x-ray had been done but no abnormalities detected.

You have finished checking Greg thoroughly and found that he had no physical abnormality and his central and peripheral nervous systems are intact.

There is no other relevant history and Greg's father now wishes to talk to you about the need for Greg to give up his sport of soccer.