

# ***RENEW FUNDING FOR DEFENSE DEPARTMENT RESEARCH ON CHRONIC MIGRAINE AND POST-TRAUMATIC HEADACHES***

- Concussion or mild traumatic brain injuries are the signature injuries of the Iraq/Afghanistan conflicts. Chronic headache and migraine are the cardinal symptoms of such injuries.
- More than 500,000 American youth sustain concussions playing football in the US annually.
- 4% of American civilians have headaches more than 4 hours, at least 15 days per month.
- Headache disorders, including migraine, result in more than \$31B in economic costs in the US annually, exceeding the annual US costs of epilepsy, asthma and ovarian cancer *combined*.
- Migraine causes nearly the same number of lost years of healthy life in the US annually as multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, ovarian cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis *combined*,... whereas combined NIH research funding on these diseases totals >46 times that for migraine (\$929M vs. \$20M, in 2014).
- NIH funding for all research on headache disorders was <0.08% of the 2014 NIH budget (\$24M).
- Since 2010, more than \$10M in vital research funding has been directed towards “Chronic Migraine and Post-Traumatic Headaches” within the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program.

## ***REQUEST: RENEW FUNDING OF RESEARCH ON “CHRONIC MIGRAINE AND/OR POST-TRAUMATIC HEADACHES” IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM***

- Please contact Senator Thad Cochran’s staff to request FY2017 Defense Appropriations Report Language to include ‘Chronic Migraine and/or Post-Traumatic Headache’ as an eligible research topic area under the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP), Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program. This is a programmatic request.



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