

## "WHAT IS SEMTBIS ALL ABOUT?"

The project was started in 1988. Southeastern Michigan Traumatic Brain Injury System (SEMTBIS) is funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and is a joint effort of Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, Detroit Receiving Hospital and Wayne State University School of Medicine. This unique partnership of an expert trauma center, a leading rehabilitation facility and a nationally recognized academic institution provides quality care to survivors of brain injury and their families.

Our goal is to help each patient reach a high level of recovery. Every patient benefits from the expertise of our model system. In turn, what we learn from each patient contributes to new knowledge and expands our ability to treat and care for brain injury survivors in the future.

At SEMTBIS we are working on groundbreaking research. Since this information is vital to advances in treatment, we share our findings with Traumatic Brain Injury programs worldwide.

**Receiving care in a TBI Model System has many advantages. Among them are:**

- ◆ Coordinated, more efficient care
- ◆ Cutting-edge treatment
- ◆ Smoother transition between hospitals
- ◆ Shorter hospital stay
- ◆ Lower hospitalization costs
- ◆ Continuous review of patients' needs
- ◆ Specialized professionals working as a team
- ◆ Coordinated home health care & outpatient therapy
- ◆ Case management from acute care to community re-entry

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SEMTBIS

### ◆ Why did I sign a consent?

When you signed our consent form, you agreed to participate in the SEMTBIS research study. This allows us to review your medical record and obtain information such as diagnosis, types of treatment and services you received, and past or present medical conditions.

### ◆ Is my name attached to any of the information collected?

All of the information the SEMTBIS team collects about you is kept confidential. We remove your name and use a unique SEMTBIS identification number instead. Any presentation or publication using the information we collect will not include the names of any of our participants.

### ◆ Why do I get asked to come in for testing on some years and on others I just answer questions over the phone?

About 1 year after your injury, you will be asked to come to Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan and will be paid \$25 after completing several questionnaires and neuropsychological tests. The same procedure will be repeated in years 2, 5 and every 5 years thereafter, for as long as the study goes on. In the other years (3, 4, 6, etc.), the SEMTBIS team will be contacting you either by phone or mail so that we can ask you some simple questions and get an update on how you are doing. ■