

Youth Sports Participant FAQs

Q. What form do I use to clear a youth sports participant to return to play?

A. [The Medical Clearance to Return to Play After Suspected Concussion form.](#)

Q. Can I assess a youth sports participant for a concussion without consultation, referral, collaboration and/or supervision of an MD/DO if I do not possess a DACNB, DACBSP or CCSP/ACR so long as the child's parent consents and signs a waiver?

A. No.

Q. If an MD referred an athlete to me for management of a concussion can I return the athlete to play or must I refer the athlete back to the MD since I do not possess a DACNB, DACSP or CCSP/ACR?

A. You may grant clearance to the athlete to return to play since you treated the athlete pursuant to the referral of an MD/DO.

Q. If a youth sports participant comes to my office and asks me to determine if they suffered a concussion, can I assess the individual for concussion if I do not possess a DACNB, DACSP or CCSP/ACR?

A. No, unless you consult or collaborate with an MD/DO or the youth has been referred to you by an MD/DO or an MD/DO is supervising your assessment.

Q. I have been the team physician for my local high school for years and have assessed countless players for concussions on the field. I do not possess a DACNB, DACBSP or CCSP/ACR. Does this rule prevent me from assessing athletes on the field?

A. Yes.

Q. If my neurology diplomate is not current, can I treat youth sports participants since I have all the training?

A. No. Only licensees with a *current* DACNB, DACSP or CCSP/ACR may assess and/or grant clearance to youth sports participants.

Q. Will the Board add more credentials to the list of those that are acceptable to assess and/or grant clearance to youth sports participants?

A. No, there is no mechanism in the law to permit the Board to add additional credentials.

Q. What if a school will not accept my return to clearance for a youth sports participant even though I have one of the required credentials?

A. Refer the school to the law (OAC 4734-8-09 and ORC [3313.539](#)).