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**New Clinical Tool Predicts Prolonged Recovery After
Sports-Related Concussion**

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These findings show that the decision tree model is highly accurate, and it could be used during initial clinical exams to identify patients with a higher risk of prolonged concussion symptoms.

When clinicians know which patients are at high risk of experiencing a prolonged recovery, they can follow them more closely and prioritize them for specialized rehabilitation services. When patients know their projected time to recovery and risk level, they will know what to expect and can better plan for return to school, return to work, return to play and return to life, says McKenzie.

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