

# NEUROflow



## *Guiding Diagnosis of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder & Traumatic Brain Injury*

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### Clinical Problem

Current diagnostic methods are subjective and cannot readily distinguish PTSD from TBI leading to suboptimal treatment and ***Soldier Suicide***

### Latest Research<sup>3</sup>

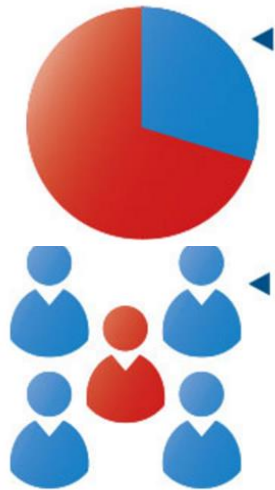
SPECT imaging revealed cerebral blood flow to be the first biomarker for specifically detecting PTSD, TBI, or PTSD+TBI

### Technological Need

Quantitative image analysis software to guide PTSD/TBI diagnosis and appropriate treatment

# Market Opportunity – Who is affected by PTSD/TBI & why does it matter?

## PTSD Statistics



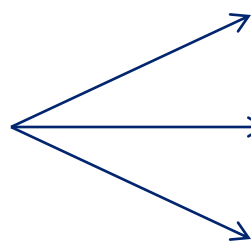
70% of adults in the U.S. have experienced some type of traumatic event at least once in their lives. This equates to approximately 223.4 million people

Up to 20% of these people go on to develop PTSD. As of today, that equates to approximately 44.7 million people who were or are struggling with PTSD.

\*Image courtesy of PTSDUnited.org

- Nonpsychiatric direct medical costs, e.g., doctor and hospital visits, total **\$23 billion/year**—the largest component of the societal costs of anxiety disorders, ***including PTSD***.
- **The majority of these costs** are attributed to repeat use of healthcare services to relieve anxiety-related symptoms that mimic those of other physical conditions.
- People with **PTSD** have among the **highest rates of healthcare service use**. People with PTSD present with a range of symptoms, the cause of which may be ***overlooked or undiagnosed*** as having resulted from past trauma.

People with untreated PTSD/TBI<sup>2</sup>



**More likely to attempt/commit suicide**

**Higher rates of unhealthy behavior (e.g., smoking)**

**Struggle to maintain relationships w/spouses and children**

[1] <http://www.sidran.org/resources/for-survivors-and-loved-ones/post-traumatic-stress-disorder-fact-sheet/>

[2] [http://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_briefs/RB9336/index1.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB9336/index1.html)

# Veteran care presents a large market opportunity

5 mil Veterans are treated by military bases  
and VA Facilities annually

A total of 723,143 recent combat Veterans sought VA care in the last 10 years

Of which, 57% (412,192) either report or are diagnosed with mental illnesses and damages

185,437 Veterans were exposed to blasts and were diagnosed with TBI

## 5,248 Veteran TBI Clinical Diagnosis Tests were Inconclusive or “Unknown”

Misdiagnoses result in an average \$473 in extra costs per patient annually

**Initial Total  
Addressable Market:  
\$2.4 Billion**



\*The Veteran market is only our first iterative opportunity – we plan to positively influence mental health and head injuries in athletics, accidents and everyday care

\* <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/epidemiology/reports/oefoifond/health-care-utilization/index.asp>

\* <http://www.ptsdunited.org/ptsd-statistics-2/>

\* <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/epidemiology/TBI-report-fy2013-qtr4.pdf>

# A Concrete Approach to Ensure Clinical Success

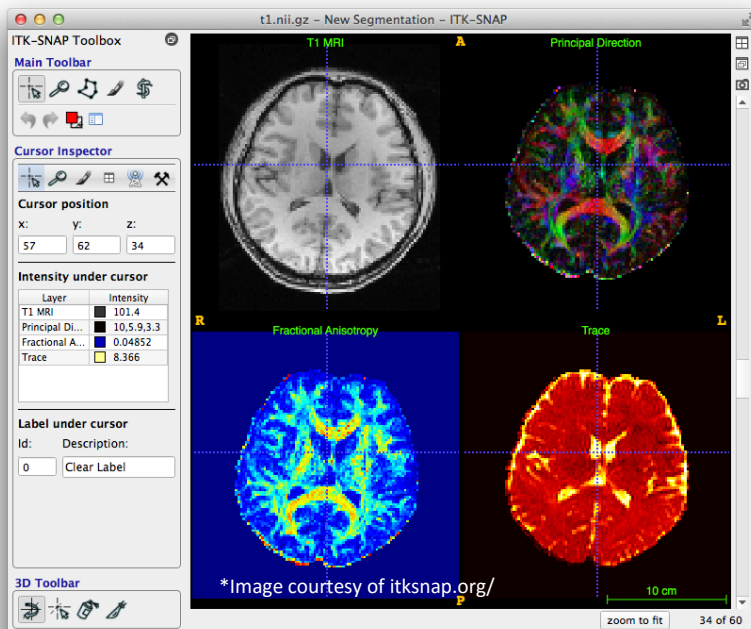
## Neuro Flow's Three-Point Strategy:

Increase accuracy and confidence of diagnosis by physicians

Get patients the correct treatment for their disease + improve quality of life

Decrease healthcare costs associated with mis- or lack of diagnosis

**Offering *quantitative, informative* data and images to help PTSD and TBI Diagnoses**



## UPenn ANTs Image Registration and Segmentation:

- Award-winning algorithms<sup>4</sup> → Accurate and efficient
- Validated system and algorithm → No development needed
- Multi-modality ready → Combine SPECT and MRI images for functional and anatomical insight
- Compatible with powerful statistical analysis programs and tailored for big data
- No patents related to SPECT/MRI for PTSD and TBI diagnosis
- Application is extremely new and ripe with opportunity

# Execution Plan

**Sept 2016** – Perform IRB-approved analysis of brain scans to demonstrate clinical efficacy. Apply for patent covering SPECT/MRI image analysis for diagnosing PTSD/TBI.

*Funding:* Personal and family/friends

**Dec 2016** – Complete development of user-friendly software interface. Submit 510K notification to FDA for Class II device approval.

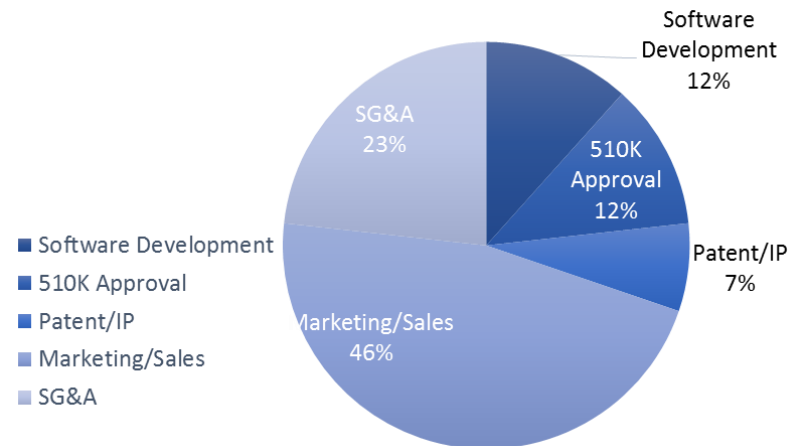
**February 2017** – Beta test the software platform with UPenn Hospital and the Philadelphia VA Hospital.

*Funding:* Angel funding

## Initial 6 month cost breakdown:

- \$25K / Software development
- \$1K / facility installation and trouble-shooting
- **Other:** \$25k/510k Approval, Patents, SG&A

## Total projected cost breakdown (after prototype launch):



# The Team – Who is Neuro Flow?



**Chris Molaro**

**Chief Executive Officer:** Oversees all business/finance operations  
Wharton MBA Student, West Point Graduate, US Army Combat Veteran  
Co-Founder of Veteran Non-Profit Organization (Things We Read, Inc.)

**Adam Pardes**



**Chief Technical Officer:** Oversees all medical/technical operations  
Bioengineering PhD Student, InSITE Fellow and AVP Operations  
President, Biomedical Engineering Society (UPenn Chapter)

## **Consultants:**

Technical: Long Xie (Registration/Segmentation Expert), Brian Avants, PhD (Developer of ANTs Software)

Clinical: Jacob Dubroff, MD (Radiologist, SPECT Expert)

Regulatory/IP: Trude Amick, PhD (Licensing/IP Advisor), Caitilin Hamill, PhD (Former FDA Regulatory Officer)

## **Near Term Hire:**

Software Developer: We have identified a need for assistance in building an attractive and user-friendly interface for Neuro Flow that facilitates a streamlined experience for physicians

## **Medium Term Hire:**

Clinical Partner: Physician to be the pioneer of this technology in the clinic and at medical conferences.

Legal Expert: Lawyer with medical device experience to help secure a strong proprietary position and foster future merger/acquisition by a large company

## **Long Term Hire:**

Sales/Marketing VP: Liaison between Neuro Flow and hospitals, military, sports teams, insurance companies, etc. to further promote our brand and incentivize rapid clinical adoption