

# Brain Injuries

- ◆ Concussion – occurs when brain injury is slight. May become dizzy or “see stars” or lose consciousness briefly. No permanent brain damage.
- ◆ Contusion – result of marked tissue destruction. Could result in a coma.
- ◆ Cerebral edema – swelling of the brain due to inflammatory response to injury.
- ◆ Cerebrovascular accidents – a.k.a. Strokes, 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in the US.