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16. Abstract

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has created the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) Program for the purpose of conducting multidisciplinary research on serious crash injuries. The mission of CIREN is to improve the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of motor vehicle crash injuries to reduce deaths, disabilities, and human and economic costs. The goal of NHTSA/CIREN research is to identify opportunities for improvement in the prevention and treatment of crash injuries. This is accomplished through coordinated efforts of medical and engineering researchers. This report provide a description of the NHTSA CIREN network, each of the 10 CIREN centers, the research teams, and their work. The report summarizes the contributions to auto safety produced by NHTSA CIREN center researchers.

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