A variety of approaches are currently available for the multi-dimensional management of sport-related concussion. Standardized protocols have been advocated for the provision of uniform care and follow-up procedures for all concussive. The purpose of the present study was to survey head athletic trainers and team physicians of NCAA Division I institutions in order to establish a concept of the methods of concussion management currently in use. Survey questions were directed by the following objectives: to examine opinions related to standardized management protocols, to ascertain assessment tools employed within both standardized and non-standardized protocols, and to expose practices associated with computerized neuropsychological tests. Of the 64 questionnaires returned, 72% of professionals practice standardized management protocols. Similar assessment tools were utilized within standardized and non-standardized protocols. Sixty-four percent of the surveyed professionals have
implemented computerized neuropsychological testing within their concussion
management protocols and the results of such tests are one of many factors that influence
the return-to-play decision.