

Robert A. Stern, Ph.D.
Biographical Summary

Dr. Robert Stern is Professor of [Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Anatomy and Neurobiology at Boston University School of Medicine](#), where he is also Director of the Clinical Core of the [BU Alzheimer's Disease Center](#) (one of only 27 centers funded by the National Institutes of Health, NIH), and Director of Clinical Research for the [BU Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy \(CTE\) Center](#). A major focus of his research involves the long-term effects of repetitive brain trauma in athletes, including the neurodegenerative disease, CTE. He has funding from NIH and the Department of Defense for his work on developing methods of detecting and diagnosing CTE during life, as well as examining potential genetic and other risk factors for this disease. His other major areas of funded research include the assessment and treatment of Alzheimer's disease, the cognitive effects of chemotherapy in the elderly, thyroid-brain relationships, and driving and dementia. Dr. Stern has also published on various aspects of cognitive assessment and is the senior author of many widely used neuropsychological tests, including the [Neuropsychological Assessment Battery \(NAB\)](#). Dr. Stern has received several NIH and other national grants, has published over 250 journal articles, chapters, and abstracts, and is a Fellow of both the American Neuropsychiatric Association and the National Academy of Neuropsychology. He is on several editorial boards and is on the Medical and Scientific Advisory Boards of the MA/NH Chapter of the [Alzheimer's Association](#) and Sports Legacy Institute, and is also a member of the Mackey-White Traumatic Brain Injury Committee of the NFL Players Association. Dr. Stern has testified before the US Senate Special Committee on Aging. He appears frequently in national and international print and broadcast media for his work on CTE and AD. He also appears in the feature length documentaries, "League of Denial" (PBS Frontline, 2013), "Head Games" (2012), and "I Remember Better When I Paint" (2009).