

Dr. James P. Kelly, a neurologist who is one of America's top experts on treating concussions, serves as the Director of the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE), which opened in 2010 and is located on the campus of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

While serving as the NICoE's Director, Kelly is professor of neurosurgery and physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. His past positions include assistant dean for graduate medical education at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and the neurology residency program director at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dr. Kelly has also served as director of the Brain Injury Program at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. He was the neurological consultant for the Chicago Bears of the National Football League and is consulted frequently by professional, elite amateur and youth athletes who have sustained concussions.

Kelly co-authored the sports concussion guidelines of the American Academy of Neurology and the Standardized Assessment of Concussion that is widely used in athletic and military settings. Additionally, for the past ten years, Dr. Kelly has been named as one of America's Top Doctors as well as being listed in several Who's Who publications.

In addition, Kelly is a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology and a diplomat in Neurology of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology; past-president of the Colorado Society of Clinical Neurologists; and a consulting neurologist to the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center – a component center of the Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE). He was the first chairman of the Defense Health Board's Traumatic Brain Injury External Advisory Subcommittee for Military Clinical Care, Research and Education.

After attaining a bachelor's and master's degree in psychology from Western Michigan University, Kelly graduated from medical school at Northwestern University and completed his neurology residency and behavioral neurology fellowship at the University of Colorado.