**TBI Survivor Interview Questions (Suggested)**

Note: my goal is to have a casual conversation. You will have the opportunity to approve the edited video before it is published.

Tip: Practice saying the answers aloud several times before the interview.

1. Name
2. When was you brain injury?
3. How did the injury happen (briefly) (examples: "I was rear-ended while driving." "I slipped and fell on a wet floor")
4. Your life before the injury: (for example: occupation, recreation, relationships, how you spent your time)
5. What symptoms and problems resulted from your brain injury?

Example: “Following my brain injury, I had headaches, forgetfulness, dizziness…”

1. Which symptoms improved or resolved? Which are long-lasting?
2. How those symptoms and problems affected your functioning? (For example: driving,

Work, household, marriage, other relationships, social life, recreation)

1. What treatments did you have after the brain injury? Example: “I had physical therapy for \_\_\_ weeks. I had treatments for my headaches/ vision problems/ leg fracture/ impaired balance/ forgetfulness/ depression.…”
2. What treatments helped?
3. What coping strategies helped? And at what point in your recovery?
4. What specialists helped? (type of specialty – don’t give specific names of your treaters)
5. Your experience of the law suit (if any) and how your attorney helped. (again, don’t name your atty.)

13 . In retrospect, what would you have done differently to optimize your recovery?

14. What gives you satisfaction and a sense of purpose post-injury?

15. For what do you feel grateful?

16. What are your biggest ongoing challenges?

17. What advice do you have for other TBI survivors?

18. What advice do you have for healthcare providers who work with TBI survivors?

19. Anything else you’d like to add?

THANK YOU!