

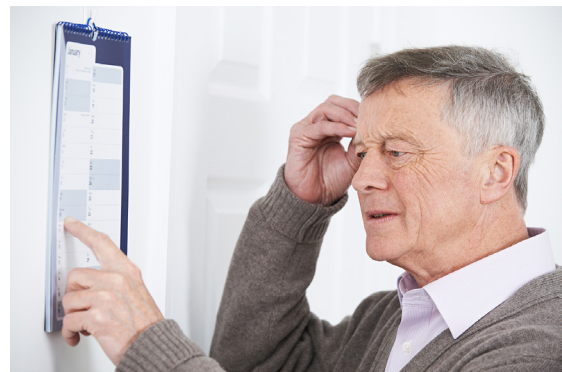


## Cognitive Issues in Older Veterans with TBI | Are older Veterans with TBI more likely to experience thinking problems?

Researchers looked at older Veterans' thinking ability with and without a history of TBI. The study focused on attention, memory, language, thinking speed, and keeping track. Here are the main findings:

- ★ Older Veterans with and without a history of TBI had lower scores in all 5 areas than healthy older adults.
- ★ Older Veterans with TBI had lower scores in thinking speed and keeping track than those without TBI.
- ★ Older Veterans with multiple mild TBIs or moderate to severe TBI were more likely to have slowed thinking and problems keeping track.

**Take Home: Older Veterans may do a little worse than older civilians on thinking tests. Having a history of TBI may increase your risk of having slowed thinking and problems keeping track.**



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