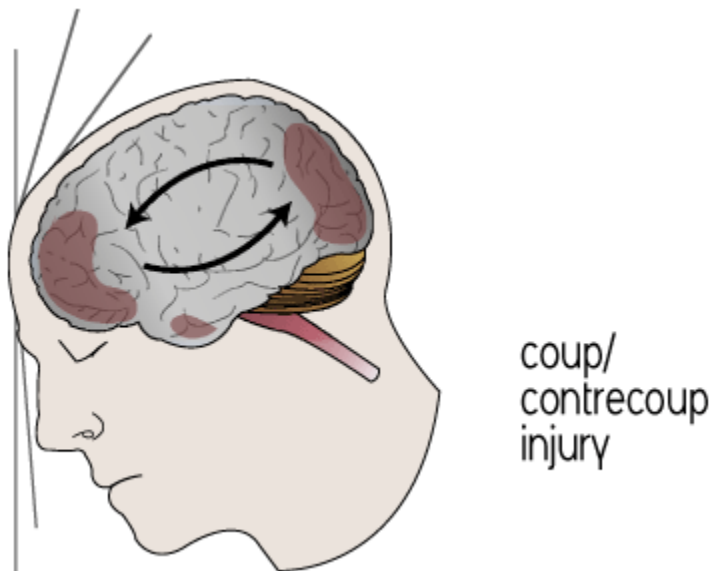


# Coup/Countercoup Injury



A blow to one side of the head may cause an injury at that location (called a "coup") and on the opposite side (called the "countercoup") due to rapid brain movement. This is called a **coup/countercoup injury**.

Each person and each brain injury is different. Some problems affect many people while others seldom occur.

Types of problems, as well as length and amount of recovery, vary considerably from person to person depending on the location, type and extent of injury.

Localized injuries may cause local swelling of certain parts of the brain. Other injuries may result in bleeding or bruising.