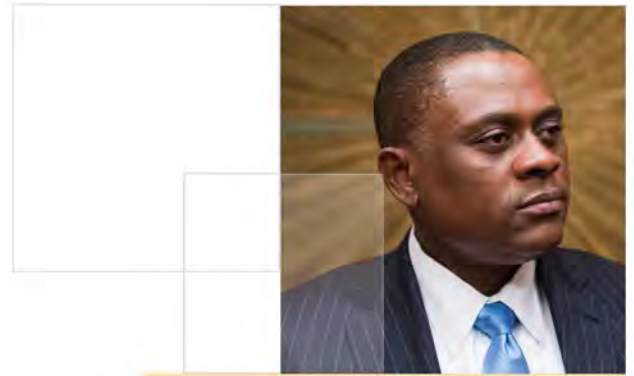


# DR BENNET OMALU



Dr Bennet Omalu is a leading forensic pathologist and neuropathologist, highly accomplished in various fields. A dedicated student of science, he secured a number of degrees on his academic path and is currently certified on several medical boards. He founded Bennet Omalu Pathology in California 2011, where he remains as President and Medical Director. Through his dedication and research, his website states that he: "identified a disease he called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) in the brains of deceased athletes and military veterans; and received the "Distinguished Service Award" in 2016, which is the highest award of the American Medical Association."

His work has been so profoundly influential that in 2015 Sony Pictures chose to create a film based on his life and work entitled *Concussion*, with Will Smith portraying him on screen. Following this, in 2017, he produced a memoir entitled *Truth Doesn't Have a Side*, which describes Dr Bennet Omalu's journey from his war-torn Nigerian background to his discoveries in America.

His revelations about the damages caused to the brain through contact sports spurred his ambition to educate the nation on the dangers they can entail. He next published *Brain Damage in Contact Sports*, a guide intended to inform parents of the risks involved.

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"He is a Nigerian-American great scientist in my eyes who discovered CTE changes in the brains of American football players. His years of work led to the movie *Concussion* and a documentary film *League of Denial*."