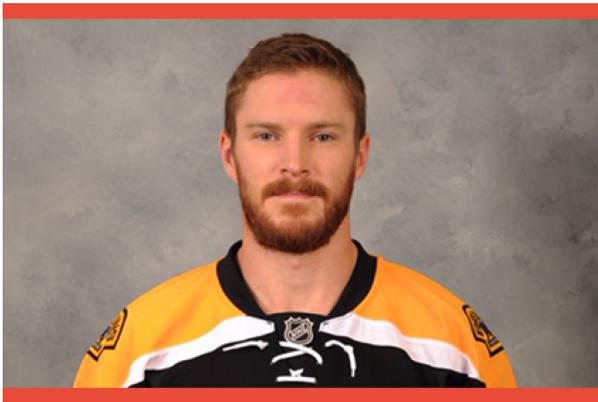


SEPTEMBER BRAIN ANEURYSM AWARENESS MONTH



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Introducing BAF's New Spokesperson



The Brain Aneurysm Foundation announced that Boston Bruins defenseman Kevan Miller (#86) has become its official spokesperson. In this role, Kevan, 29, will help raise awareness about brain aneurysms through attendance at select BAF events, on traditional and social media, and other outreach efforts. “Kevan represents the determination, resourcefulness, and commitment shown by so many aneurysm survivors and their families and caregivers,” says BAF Executive Director, Christine Buckley. “We are excited to have an athlete of Kevan’s standing help us with our mission to raise awareness of brain aneurysms and the need for increased research funding to reduce death and disability from aneurysm ruptures.” Read the full story [here](#).

Awareness at the State Level



The Grand Staircase of the Massachusetts State House in Boston will be the setting for a Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month event on September 25. Speaking at the event will be Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito; State Representative Paul J. Donato, also a BAF board member; Christopher S. Ogilvy, MD, a BAF co-founder and director of the Brain Aneurysm Institute at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; and brain aneurysm survivors Thomas Tinlin, former Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Administrator (see “One Survivor’s Story,” below), and Bob Halloran, a WCVB-TV Sports Anchor. Later in the evening, Boston’s iconic Zakim Bridge and the Burnes Bridge in Worcester, MA will be illuminated, in red, in recognition of Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.



FIND AN EVENT NEAR YOU

The BAF Event Season is underway!

Hospitals Host Awareness Tables Around the Country

During awareness month, hospitals and support groups around the country are setting up tables to educate people on brain aneurysms. We provided educational resources to more than 25 hospitals and support groups in the US and Canada. For some, we hope to introduce the term “brain aneurysm” for those that are not familiar with one. For others, provide support for those that the term is all too familiar. Our material provides information for all impacted from families of newly diagnosed, youth, caregivers and the public who do not know what an aneurysm is. Please visit our Educational Resource page on our website [here](#) for more information.



One Survivor's Story

Tom Tinlin, former Highway Administrator for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm in April after a sudden-onset, “horrible” headache that persisted for days and was misdiagnosed by his primary care doctor as a stress headache. Fortunately, Tom’s treatment at Boston’s Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center was successful and his recovery has been steady and smooth, in part because of his sense of humor, support from family and friends, and realistic expectations. “I gauge progress from week to week, not day to day, and try to challenge myself every day,” he says. Read Tom’s story [here](#).

