The American Academy of Neurological Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons have released a joint statement calling for a national framework to address the growing problem of brain injuries in sports. The statement, titled "A Framework for Brain Injury in Sports: A Call to Action," emphasizes the importance of research, education, and policy development to improve the safety of athletes.

The statement highlights the need for a comprehensive approach to address brain injuries in sports, including the development of evidence-based guidelines, the implementation of injury prevention strategies, and the expansion of research to better understand the physiological and psychological impact of brain injuries.

The framework calls for a multi-disciplinary approach involving athletes, coaches, trainers, parents, and healthcare professionals to ensure that safety measures are effectively communicated and implemented. It also emphasizes the importance of early recognition and intervention to provide appropriate care and support for those who sustain brain injuries.

The joint statement aims to foster collaboration among various stakeholders to promote the safety of athletes and to prevent the long-term effects of brain injuries. It encourages policymakers to consider legislative changes and to support the development of innovative solutions to address the challenges presented by brain injuries in sports.