

25th Annual Conference on Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation in Acquired Brain Injury

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The Evolving Landscape of Brain Injury Rehabilitation

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Conference Goals Evidence-Based Management of Concussion

 Gain an understanding of best practices and future directions for concussion care and management

The Evolving Landscape of Brain Injury Rehabilitation

- Reflect on the evolution of brain injury rehabilitation over the years
- Highlight current best practices and emerging advancements that could impact the future landscape of neurobehavioural rehabilitation in brain injury
- Make connections, share experiences, knowledge and practice through networking opportunities

Target Audience

This conference will be of interest to ABI Rehabilitation Professionals, Psychologists, Physicians, Program Planners, Insurance and Legal Representatives and Advocates.

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 Annual ABI Neurobehavioural Conference

May 2,2018 Evidence-Based Management of Concussion



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Wednesday, May 2nd: Evidence-Based Management of Concussion

| 11:15-12:30 | Registration/Lunch Exhibits | |
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| 12:30-12:45 | Announcements Welcome | John Zsofcsin, Carolyn Galand |
| 1:00-1:45 | Diagnosing and Treating Physical Symptoms Following Concussion Clinical Practice Guidelines for Concussion – Adults (Updated ONF Guidelines – Version 3) | Dr. Shawn Marshall |
| 1:45-2:15 | Assessment and Management of Cognitive, Mental Health and Emotional Sequelae Following Concussion <i>Clinical Practice Guidelines for Concussion – Adults (Updated ONF Guidelines – Version 3)</i> | Dr. Diana Velikonja |
| 2:15-2:45 | Refreshment Break: Posters and Exhibits | |
| 2:45-3:30 | Initial Diagnosis and Treatment of Concussion in Children Pediatric Clinical Practice Guidelines | Dr. Eric Koelink |
| 3:30-4:15 | Management and Prognosis of Persistent Symptoms of Concussion in Children Pediatric Clinical Practice Guidelines | Dr. Laura Purcell |
| 4:15-5:30 | The Role of the Specialist and Specialty Clinics in Concussion Neurological Management: Headache Management: Dizziness and Vertigo: Vision: | Dr. Michel Rathbone Dr. Rose Giammarco Dr. Jason Archibald Dr. Lulu Bursztyn |
| 5:30-6:15 | Navigating Patients Through the Concussion Landscape: A Collaborative Approach | Dr. Jennifer Thompson Danielle Perkin Teresa Gambale Kate Macnamara |
| 6:15 | Wine and Cheese Sponsored by Himelfarb Proszanski | Entertainment featuring Mike Mosher, Gary Blake, Sandra Sanmartin, Larry Zvonar |

May 3–4,2018 The Evolving Landscape of Brain Injury Rehabilitation



Al Condeluci PhD

Building Community Through Social Capital

Brain Injury rehabilitation has been a viable discipline for many years, but it wasn't until the early 1980's, with the advent of the family and survivor movement, that focused attention has been paid to notions of everyday life. All individuals with brain injuries and their family members (as well as professionals who are involved with the family) are now interested in seeing themselves or their son/daughter/relative be successful in life. In fact, one of the biggest fears individuals and families have is that their loved one might be lonely or at serious risk as time goes on. Although none of us can predict the future, we can look at ways and means to better prepare for the future by understanding the impact of

friendships in our lives. Sociologists call this "social capital" and it is amazing what our relationships do for us. This session will review the progress to date in brain injury and examine more deeply how friendships can be better developed over time, and, in turn, build a more inclusive community.

Objectives:

Participants will understand the historical treatments experienced by people/families experiencing brain injuries.

Folks will be introduced to a community approach

Major aspects of friendships and social capital will be overviewed 4 key steps to developing more friendships will be explored. Judy Gargaro BSc, MEd John Zsofcsin Kelley Anstey Carol Di Salle

Bringing a CPG into practice: Spotlight on implementation projects across the province

The INESSS-ONF Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the rehabilitation of adults with moderate to severe TBI covers all major impairments following brain injury and provides the latest evidence-based practices. Twelve sites across the province are implementing selected guideline recommendations with implementation support from ONF. Three projects will be highlighted that address specific recommendations from the CPG: Coordination and collaboration with mental health and addiction services (HNHB LHIN); Building capacity across the province to prevent and manage challenging behaviours (West Park Healthcare Centre); and improving contextualized cognitive communication assessment and intervention

(Health Sciences North). Challenges and next steps in implementation will be presented.

Angela Colantonio PhD., OT. Reg. (Ont.), FCAHS, FACRM. Director, Rehabilitation Sciences Institute. Professor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Dalla Lana School of Public Health. CIHR Research Chair in Gender Work and Health. University of Toronto Senior Scientist, Toronto. Rehabilitation Sciences Institute

Traumatic Brain Injury: Why We Need to Consider Sex and Gender in Research and Practice

This presentation will provide an overview of the concepts of sex and gender in relation to traumatic brain injury research and practice. Relevant research will be reviewed across levels of injury severity. New Canadian research initiatives addressing in equities in research on traumatic brain injury, mental health and addictions with a sex and gender focus are presented. Recommendations for practice and knowledge exchange will be discussed. Chanth Seyone M.D FRCPC Assistant Professor University of Toronto

Managing Mental Health and Acquired Brain Injury in the Community

Managing individuals with mental health and acquired brain injuries in the community can pose significant challenges in diagnosis, treatment and intervention. Brain injury and mental health are often seen and treated as two entirely separate diagnoses or can be confused as being the same thing. It is often difficult to get mental health services for individuals with acquired brain injuries and acquired brain injury services for those with mental health issues.

Individuals who have experienced a brain injury may develop mental health issues. Some individuals may have had mental health issues prior to the injury that then become exacerbated as a result of the brain injury. Which came first? What needs to be treated first? Regardless of the circumstance, it is necessary to understand the overlap in symptomatology in individuals with dual diagnosis and how best to optimize care for these individuals. These will be the facets of this presentation.

Alison Madden PhD Psychology Registered to practice as a psychologist in the UK, South Africa and Australia. Teacher certification Certified Canadian Life Care Planner

The Cradle of Humankind: Take heed...

How do we heal or do we?

This talk will introduce the fundamental values of humanness embodied in the sub-Saharan morality as represented by the word "Ubuntu". The Philosophy of Ubuntu emphasizes caring, connectedness, community and relationships between people, which are foundational to the brain injury rehabilitation model in South Africa.

A brief illustration of how this humanistic approach is practically implemented in a rural brain injury program will be provided. How does it impact the day to day activities that make up the rehabilitation curriculum? How can it influence programs in other parts of the globe?

We will further discuss how this rehabilitation model has impacted our involvement in working with people with altered brains over the past 25 years; what we have lost, and what we have gained.

The purpose of this presentation is to provoke introspection, to re-assess a value system in rehabilitation and generate an essential curiosity in how we learn from other countries.

Alison Madden PhD Psychology Alice Bellavance C.E.O. Brain injury Services of Northern Ontario

Exploring the Challenges of Working in Remote Areas with Individuals with the Effects of Acquired Brain Injury.

Individuals who have experienced a brain injury often have complex needs. In remote areas, geography, culture and legislation may pose further challenges in supporting individuals with brain injury. In this presentation, complicating factors will be explored. Innovative approaches will be shared to highlight resourcefulness and resilience in remote areas.

Poster Presentations

There are several abstracts that will be presented as posters. We encourage delegates to participate in judging the posters. Please make sure to view the posters and have your selection entered by the refreshment break on Friday, May 4, 2018 . Selected posters will be acknowledged on Friday at the Farewell Lunch.



A1 Jeff Chartier Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Durham Region

Katie Manikas Brain Injury Association of Durham Region

Poverty and Brain Injury: Exploring Issues of Poverty and Brain Injury from a Community Based Agencies

53% of Toronto's homeless population report a history of traumatic brain injury and 70% of those individuals were not homeless prior to their injury. Through this presentation we will explore the challenges and barriers faced by people with brain injury struggling with poverty. We will outline our Transitional Support Coordinator Project and Homelessness Prevention Project which has been designed to explore these issues and investigate potential solutions related to cognitive impairment and poverty.

We will travel the path of poverty and homelessness and its impact on people with brain injuries. We will explore the maze of challenges, bar-

riers, and services through the lived experience of those involved in our programs. Our priority is to enhance the understanding of poverty cycles and how they relate to Brain Injury, and explore the cost of our current approach. We will explore the impact brain injury has on income, homelessness, and long term health. We then examine whether direct accommodation of this barrier will result in stability. Currently no housing support system exists to accommodate the specific barriers associated with brain injury despite evidence that a majority of the homeless population has experienced a brain Injury. It is understudied and lacks a comprehensive strategy that exists in other sectors (mental health and addictions). Through this presentation our hope is to develop and enhance community partnerships, in order to coordinate services that focus on poverty reduction.

- A2 David F. MacDonald B.A. (Hons), LL.B., Thomson Rogers, Personal Injury Lawyers
- Dinesh Kumbare MD, MSc, FRCP(C), Associate Clinical Professor, Medicine/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Rheumatology

Innovation in Recognizing, Diagnosing and Treating Individuals with ABI is Essential

With reduced funding for community based services both in the public and community based spheres, innovation in recognizing, diagnosing and treating survivors is especially essential.

Building on the work of HHSC's own Dr. Michael Noseworthy and Dr. Dinesh Kumbhare, the coalescing of authoritative studies and peer reviewed journal articles confirm that Functional MRI testing is providing ground-breaking certainty and "positive findings" demonstrating the presence of and impact upon neurological functioning of concussion/mild ABI to moderate and severe ABI.

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| Thursday, | May 3rd: The Evolving Landscape of Neurobehavioural Rehabil | itation in ABI |
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| 8:30-8:45 | Welcome | John Zsofcsin, Carolyn Galand Theresa Smith, Rob MacIsaac |
| 8:45-9:45 | Building Community Through Social Capital | Al Condeluci |
| 9:45–10:45 | Bringing a CPG into practice: Spotlight on implementation projects across the province | Judy Gargaro, John Zsofcsin, Kelley Anstey, Carol Di Salle |
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| 2:15-3:15 | Concurrent Sessions A (Select One) | |
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| | A2 Innovation in Recognizing, Diagnosing and Treating Individuals with ABI is Essential | David F. MacDonald Dr. Dinesh Kumbare |
| | A3 Legal Corner: Medical Marijuana – Going out on a Leaf: Legal Implications and Clinical Considerations | Troy Lehman, Deborah Tang |
| 3:15-3:45 | Refreshment Break & Exhibits | |
| 3:45-4:45 | Concurrent Sessions B (Select One) | |
| | B1 The Evolving Nature of Inter-Professional Collaboration for Successful Brain Injury Rehabilitation | Leslie Birkett, Diedre Sperry |
| | B2 Successful Transition: Finding a New Pathway to a New Community Home For Individuals with Acquired Brain Injury and Complex Needs | Perry Scott Jamie Mashford |
| | B3 Managing Persistent Symptoms after Concussion: The Parkwood Institute Experience | Shannon MacGuire |
| 7:00 | Celebrate with Friends Cocktails food stations and music | |
| | 2 East Ball Room Sheraton sponsored by PIA Law: Oatley Vigmond, Thomson Rogers, & McLeish Orlando | |

| Friday, Ma | ay 4 | th: The Evolving La | andscape of Brain Ir | ijury Rehabilitation | |
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Functional MRI neuroradiological testing can visualize the functional and physiological sequelae of minor, moderate and severe ABI. Identification of functional impairments using fMRI testing results can enhance proper diagnosis of these injuries and help identify appropriate rehabilitation and treatment interventions.

The opportunity for identification of brain injury sequelae with the fMRI means fMRI costs may be appropriately funded by benefit providers.

For survivors of ABI arising from car accident trauma, once these positive findings are correlated with Extended Glasgow Coma Scale test results, ABI survivors, working with skilled clinicians and counsel may gain access to funding for rehabilitation and treatment they require for their catastrophic and non-catastrophic ABI impairments.

A3 Troy Lehman LL.B, Partner Oatley Vigmond, Personal Injury Lawyers

Deborah Tang B.Sc, Ph.D., C. Psych, Clinical Director, Clinical Psychologist with Specializations in Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation, Mind Forward Brain Injury Services

Legal Corner: Medical Marijuana – Going out on a Leaf. Legal Implications and Clinical Considerations

In 2018, marijuana will become legal in Canada. Legal and clinical considerations will be discussed. From a legal perspective, legislation, risks and benefit and legal implications of marijuana use in rehabilitation will be reviewed.

Emerging research that suggests that medicinal marijuana may be an effective treatment for individuals with traumatic brain injury during the recovery process, and may have neuroprotective effects on the brain. A case study presentation will explore the impact of medical marijuana as an effective treatment for some individuals with chronic ABI.

B1 Diedre Sperry Speech Language Pathologist

Leslie Birkett Occupational Therapist

The Evolving Nature of Inter-Professional Collaboration for Successful Brain Injury Rehabilitation

In today's rehabilitation reality, it is well known that successful inter-professional collaboration improves the accessibility and quality of programming offered. Also, with today's fiscal restraints, collaboration is essential in order to best meet patient needs and aid in achieving optimal outcomes.

However, there remains a lack of knowledge and understanding regarding effective collaborative models. This continues to challenge educators, health care providers and health organizations. While collaboration is considered a "gold standard", how we do that is not as well identified.

People living with the effects of acquired brain injury have complex presentations and for decades the literature has identified that reha-

bilitation requires input from a broad spectrum of allied health care professionals working in partnership with the patient, their family and support system. With current knowledge related to brain connectivity and the need to focus on meaningful functional goals after brain injury, the need to work together is even more important. Although it is understood that the team approach is beneficial, it requires strong knowledge of various health disciplines and their philosophical underpinnings. Given the complexity of real world rehabilitation, an integrated overlap between disciplines is inevitable. The territorial approach to rehabilitation is redundant and ineffective.

This presentation will review the key elements of effective inter-professional collaboration and share "the magic ingredients" necessary for success. Case studies will be shared that illustrate successful inter-professional collaboration. Building collaborative alliances that go beyond traditional role categorization is a process that, when done properly, improves patient satisfaction and outcome.

B2 Perry Scott Manager, Brain Injury Services

Jamie Mashford Case Facilitator, Brain Injury Services

Successful Transition: Finding a Pathway to a New Community Home for ABI Individuals with Complex Needs

Brain Injury Services (BIS) is one of two (tbc) agencies in Ontario serving people with acute, chronic acquired brain injuries. Since there is no "cookie-cutter" approach to care planning for people with the most complex brain injuries, BIS uses a number of patient-centered approaches to help clients achieve both short and longterm goals. Two case studies will be shared to demonstrate how a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach to care is making a difference for ABI clients and their families. As people with ABI live longer with more complex chronic conditions, including mental health, collaboration between health providers is an urgent priority. With a priority to ensure access to care for people with ABI where they live, innovative collaborations are paving the way to ensure access to acute care when it is required, with the safety net of comprehensive community support for continuity of care.

B3 Shannon MacGuire BHSc(PT), St. Joseph's, London, ON

Managing Persistent Symptoms after Concussion: The Parkwood Institute Experience

With the increased awareness and recognition of concussion many more people are seeking treatment after sustaining an injury. It is estimated that 20% of injuries result in persistent symptoms that impact an individual's ability to participate in work, school, sporting and social activities. In those cases treatment from a multidisciplinary team is the recommended standard of care but there are limited publicly funded options available for multidisciplinary treatment. Over the past seven years, the Acquired Brain Injury Outpatient Team at Parkwood Institute has developed expertise treating individuals with persistent symptoms after concussion/mTBI. This presentation will review the Parkwood Institute model of care including an overview of our treatment groups and favourite treatment strategies.

C1 Deborah Tang B.Sc, Ph.D., C. Psych, Clinical Director, Clinical Psychologist with Specializations in Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation, Mind Forward Brain Injury Services

"The Neuroplasticity of the Community": Building Community Supports for ABI in the Regions of Peel, Halton and Dufferin

Background and Aims: Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) is complex, requiring the support of many, including caregivers, professionals and much more. Of particular importance is the maintenance of independence and the ability to live independently. As brain injury can often impact an individual's independent activities of daily living (iADL), this can make achieving the goal of independence extremely difficult.

The purpose of this study is to take a detailed look at how community support services can enhance the lives of individuals living with ABI and to create a forum for discussion on ABI, difficult clients and how to help them. It is the synergies and unexpected 'connections' that occur that open up discussion to wonderfully creative new conceptions of community 'connectedness'.

Individuals living with ABI in the community were provided time limited supports through supported living assessment program, respite/ functional assessment program. Through data and case presentation, the impact of these interventions will be shared which reveals that these programs are effective at supporting those living with ABI, giving caregivers and individuals living with ABI, the tools they need to live as independently as possible. This brief discussion also opens 'pathways' to unexpected connections within, and between the partners in, our communities!

- C2 Stacey L. Stevens LL.B, Partner, Thomson Rogers Personal Injury Lawyers
- L. Craig Brown LL.B, Partner, Thomson Rogers Personal Injury Lawyers Sarah Baker Ph.D., C.Psych, Psychologist

Sherrie Biemans-Copland B.Sc., Ph.D., C.Psych. Neuropsychologist

Destructive Interference: Understanding the role of preexisting PTSD as a factor in the diagnosis and treatment of TBI

Pre-existing trauma and PTSD present significant challenges when it comes to diagnosis, assessment and treatment of a traumatic brain injury. Patients with PTSD quite often develop strong adaptations and vulnerabilities that can subsequently complicate their response to TBI. They may present with symptoms of autonomic hyperarousal, hypervigilance, over-focus and, in extreme certain cases, disassociation. They are also much more vulnerable to being retraumatized by events that others may find frightening but not traumatizing.

This leads to a significant number of TBI patients experiencing a prolonged, complicated, or incomplete recovery. From a rehab perspective, their outcomes are disproportionately worse than what is predicted by the objective facts of the traumatic brain injury. As a result their recovery trajectories may be atypical.

If the impact of PTSD is not appreciated and effectively managed, there will not only be a lack of progress over time but deterioration which leads to further misunderstanding of injuryrelated needs, a higher risk of misdiagnosis and allegations of malingering resulting in a denial of treatment and financial compensation. C3 Bronwen Moore Occupational Therapist, University Health Network – Toronto Rehab

Easing the Strain of Pain on the Brain: How to Effectively Teach Pain Self-Management Skills to Brain Injury Survivors

Pain is very common after sustaining a brain injury: up to 70% of brain injury survivors have long term pain concerns. Pain can be a significant barrier to function and progress towards treatment goals. Research shows that pain selfmanagement education can be an effective intervention. However, clients with a brain injury can have unique learning needs related to cognitive impairments and the neurological aspects of their pain. The Toronto Rehab Brain and Spinal Cord LEAP Service has created a pain self-management education group that is specifically tailored to teach strategies effectively to clients with neurological conditions including cognitive impairment, and a research study is in progress to evaluate this model's effectiveness.

This presentation will begin with an overview of research about pain concerns among clients with brain injury, risk factors for persistent pain, and evidence supporting the value of pain self-management education. Best practice approaches for selfmanagement of pain will be outlined, including: 1) teaching patients about pain science in an understandable way; 2) teaching stress management, breathing and relaxation techniques; 3) encouraging task persistence by adapting movement and activity through pacing principles and therapeutic approach; 4) working with difficult thoughts and feelings through cognitive-behavioral and acceptance based techniques; 5) addressing sleep concerns through lifestyle change; and 6) enhancing assertive communication skills. A resource list will be provided and reviewed with helpful books, websites and apps for clinicians to use in their work.



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