



17th Annual Brain Injury Conference

February 7, 2025 | Automotive Building, Exhibition Place

| Time & Location | Session |
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| 0730 - 0830 Room 200 | Registration and Breakfast |
| 0830 – 0845 Ballroom 206 | Welcome Remarks |
| 0845 – 0930 45 min Plenary Session Ballroom 206 | <p>Brain Injury Rehabilitation: What Works and Where Should We Focus our Attention?</p> <p>Mark Bayley, MD, FRCPC</p> <p><i>Program Medical Director and Psychiatrist-in-Chief, UHN-Toronto Rehabilitation Institute; Professor, Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto</i></p> <p>There continues to be emerging evidence for rehabilitation after brain injury that has been synthesized in systematic reviews and translated into evidence-based guidelines and pathways. In this presentation, the objective is to highlight and emphasize the areas with strongest evidence for efficacy and key elements that clinicians should focus efforts on implementation.</p> |
| 0930 – 1015 45 min Plenary Session Ballroom 206 | <p>The Violent Brain; Where, Who, How?</p> <p>Abe Sniderman, MD, FRCPC</p> <p><i>Director, Neuropsychiatry Clinic, UHN-Toronto Rehabilitation Institute</i></p> <p>Behaviour is a key component of who we are as humans. When the brain is affected whether by injury or illness, behaviour can be affected. One of the most troublesome behavioural challenges is violence, but what is violence? Is it a normal human condition? An aberration? A personality flaw or a biochemical misalignment? This presentation will explore some of these concepts within the framework of brain illness and injuries.</p> |
| 1015 – 1045 Room 200 | Morning Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing |
| 1045 – 1145 60 min Room 205C | <p>Concurrent Workshops – Session 1</p> <p><i>The following 4 workshops will run concurrently from 10:45 – 11: 45. Participants will select one to attend. Workshops will repeat at 12:45 pm</i></p> <p>Workshop 1: My Fortunate Timing to go Through Rehab from TBI: Tackling Unconscious Biases in the Rehabilitation Pathway</p> <p>Greg Noack</p> <p><i>Rehabilitation Therapist, UHN - Toronto Rehabilitation Institute</i></p> <p>Why was I the “perfect candidate” for rehab from brain injury? By looking at my rehabilitation pathway we can see unconscious biases may have determined the care I received. This may have been at the expense of others who should have received the same care but did not, due to not meeting the criteria of the “perfect candidate”. My talk will explore unconscious bias and how to recognize and address this in your clinical practice.</p> |



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Room 201A

Workshop 2: The Who What Why Where and How of Teleneurorehab: Remotely Delivered Cognitive and Mental Health Interventions

Brenda Colella, MA, C. Psych. Assoc.

Practice in Clinical Neuropsychology

Clinical Research Manager, Telerehab Centre for Acquired Brain Injury

Toronto Rehabilitation Institute - University Centre, University Health Network

Robin Green, PhD, C. Psych (Clinical Neuropsychology)

Saunderson Chair in Acquired Brain Injury Research & Senior Scientist, KITE Research Institute, University Health Network (UHN), Founder/Head, KITE Teleneurorehab Center for ABI, Co-Lead, Walter & Maria Schroeder Institute for Brain Innovation & Recovery, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

Based on the latest evidence and guidelines, this workshop will describe what TeleNeurorehab is, why it is of value from a clinical and logistical perspective, who it does (and doesn't benefit), where Ontario practitioners can legally deliver TeleNeurorehab, and how to apply current best practices.

Room 205B

Workshop 3: Are You Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? Devising Collaborative Strategies for the Implementation of the Neurotrauma Care Pathways

Judy Gargaro BSc, Med

KITE Research Institute, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – University Health Network

This interactive workshop will challenge attendees to critically examine and address the key challenges surrounding the receipt of equitable care for individuals affected by brain injury. Through collaborative discussion and problem-solving, participants will explore innovative solutions and develop actionable strategies aimed at ensuring access to best practice care. Attendees will leave equipped with new perspectives and practical approaches to elevate service delivery and optimize patient recovery.

Room 205A

Workshop 4: From Impact to Comeback: How Injury Classifications Shape Lives

Nick Smith

Oatley Vigmond

Stacey Stevens, Partner

Thomson Rogers Law

Joseph Cescon, Partner

McLeish Orlando Lawyers

This panel discussion is ideal for healthcare providers, rehabilitation specialists, case managers, and anyone involved in patient advocacy within the SABS landscape. Gain valuable insights and practical tools to enhance patient support, deepen your understanding of accident benefits, and elevate your professional practice.

In this session, you will:

- Explore the distinctions between catastrophic and non-catastrophic injuries and the crucial role of hospital and medical records.



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- Learn the criteria for classifying catastrophic injuries such as severe brain injuries, spinal cord damage, and amputations, and their influence on patient benefits and support.
- Discover the assessment process, including timelines and the role of medical professionals in securing benefits.
- Discuss the impact on treatment plans, rehabilitation options, and long-term care strategies, and learn best practices for coordinating with insurers and legal professionals.
- Engage with real-life examples and expert insights to achieve optimal outcomes for patients.
- Stay updated on legislative changes affecting patient care and rehabilitation practices.

1145 – 1245

Room 200

Networking Lunch Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing

1245 – 1345

60 min

Concurrent Workshops – Session 2

See 10:45 am for workshop information and locations

1345 – 1400

15 min

Transition Time

1400 – 1445

45 min

*Plenary Session
Ballroom 206*

My Evolving Brain

Carl Dixon

Member of the Canadian Musicians union since 1979, Rock Musician, Author and Survivor of Traumatic Brain Injury

Carl Dixon takes audiences on a rock n roll ride, from the night of his horrific car accident in rural Australia through his recovery and discovery of the healing power of the brain. Carl shares the key factors that enabled him to survive his TBI and thrive against all odds. Carl's S.T.A.R.T. philosophy has been a guiding light to keeping him on track while living with TBI.

1445 – 1515

Room 200

Afternoon Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing

1515 – 1615

60 min

*Plenary Session
Ballroom 206*

Management of Moderate and Severe TBI - Getting Real!

McKyla McIntyre, MD

Physiatrist, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – University Health Network

This will be a group interactive session to discuss the continuum of care for patients with moderate and severe TBI, from acute care to community reintegration. We will review some of the challenges that our patients face in terms of living with chronic TBI, as well as some practical tips to support them along their recovery journey.

1615 – 1630

15 min

Ballroom 206

Closing Remarks, Awards and Prize Draws