



# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Brain Injury Conference

February 7, 2025 | Beanfield Centre, Exhibition Place

Time	Session
<b>0730 - 0830</b> 60 min	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
<b>0830 – 0845</b> 15 min	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>
<b>0845 – 0930</b> 45 min Plenary Session	<p><b>Brain Injury Rehabilitation: What Works and Where Should We Focus our Attention?</b> <b>Mark Bayley, MD, FRCPC</b> <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>
<b>0930 – 1015</b> 45 min Plenary Session	<p><b>The Violent Brain; Where, Who, How?</b> <b>Abe Sniderman, MD, FRCPC</b> <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>
<b>1015 – 1045</b> 30 min	<b>Morning Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing</b>
<b>1045 – 1145</b> 60 min  Breakout Rm 1	<p><b>Concurrent Workshops – Session 1</b> <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><b>Workshop 1: My Fortunate Timing to go Through Rehab from TBI: Tackling Unconscious Biases in the Rehabilitation Pathway</b> <b>Greg Noack</b> <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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Breakout Rm 2

## **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.

Breakout Rm 3

## **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*

**Evan Foster, MHSc**

*Hull-Ellis Concussion and Research Clinic, 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.

Breakout Rm 4

## **Workshop 4: Catastrophic vs Non-catastrophic Brain Injury**

**Nick Smith**

*Oatley Vigmond*

**Stacey Stevens, Partner**

*Thomson Rogers Law*

**Joseph Cescon, Partner**

*McLeish Orlando Lawyers*

Coming Soon

1145 – 1245

60 min

## **Networking Lunch Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing**



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**1245 – 1345**

60 min

Breakout

Rooms

1345 – 1400

15 min

**Concurrent Workshops – Session 2**

*See 10:45 am for workshop information*

*Transition Time*

**1400 – 1445**

45 min

Plenary Session

**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**

30 min

**Afternoon Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing**

**1515 – 1615**

60 min

Plenary Session

**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

**Closing Remarks, Awards and Prize Draws**