



18th Annual Brain Injury Conference

January 30, 2026 | BMO Education and Conference Centre

Time	Session
0730 - 0815	Registration and Breakfast
0815 – 0830	Welcome Remarks
0830 – 0930 60 min	Concussion - Fact and Fiction Carmela Tartaglia, MD, FRCPC <i>Marion and Gerald Soloway Chair in Brain Injury and Concussion Research Professor, Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases, University of Toronto PI- Canadian Concussion Centre, KBI</i> Concussion are very common but, as with anything that is poorly understood, there is a lot of misinformation out there. We will review some of the facts and myths around concussions and their recovery.
0930 – 1030 60 min	Concussion and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) Jeffrey Kutcher, MD, FAAN <i>Global Director Sports Neurology the Kutcher Clinic for Sports Neurology – Detroit, MI</i> Coming Soon
1030 – 1100	Morning Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing
1100 – 1200 60 min	“HAL: open the pod bay door!” Artificial Intelligence and Traumatic Brain Injury Abraham Snaiderman, MD, PRCPC <i>Associate Professor in both the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto</i> Artificial intelligence has created a shift in the information availability, diagnosis and treatment possibilities of people with TBI’s. But is it safe? Is it necessary? What are the advantages and pitfalls? This presentation will examine some of the controversies and potentials of using AI in TBI.
1200 – 1300	Networking Lunch Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing
1300 – 1400 60 min	Concurrent Workshops – Session 1 <i>The following 3 workshops will run concurrently from 13:00 – 14:00. Participants will select one to attend.</i>
Workshop 1	Clinical Pearls in the Assessment and Management of Persistent Headaches Following Concussion/Traumatic Brain Injury Jonathan Gladstone <i>Director, Gladstone Headache Clinic, Consultant Neurologist, Headache Clinic, Hospital for Sick Children, Consultant Staff, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network, Consultant Neurologist Toronto Raptors, Toronto Blue Jays, Raptors 905</i>



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Workshop 2	<p>Therapy for Brain-Body-Mind Interface Disorders Rory Higgins, MScPT <i>Physiotherapist, Integrated Movement Disorders Program, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute</i></p> <p>Brenna Kelly, MSW, RSW <i>Mental Health Clinician, Integrated Movement Disorders Program, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute</i></p> <p>This workshop will provide an overview of physiotherapy and psychotherapy for brain-body-mind interface disorders with a focus on functional movement disorder (FMD). It will explore how therapy is based on understanding mechanism and explore how strategies for FMD and brain injury rehabilitation may coincide and differ.</p>
Workshop 3	<p>When the Evidence Conflicts: A Legal Q&A on Brain Injury Brian Cameron <i>Oatley Vigmond LLP</i></p> <p><i>When the Evidence Conflicts: A Legal Q&A on Brain Injury</i> offers an open, interactive discussion on the challenges that arise when medical information, patient presentation, and legal expectations do not fully align. This session provides healthcare providers with the opportunity to ask a legal expert about navigating complex brain-injury cases, including situations involving uncertain diagnoses, conflicting assessments, unusual behaviours, or evolving technologies such as AI. Through a broad exploration of common points of tension between clinical findings and legal processes, this presentation aims to enhance understanding, support clearer communication, and promote effective collaboration between the medical and legal communities.</p>
1400 – 1405 5 min	Transition Time
1405 – 1505 60 min	<p>Functional Neurological Disorders FND: Challenging Dualism in Healthcare Sarah Lidstone <i>Staff Neurologist, University Health Network</i></p> <p>This presentation provides an overview of functional neurological disorder from clinical recognition to recovery.</p>
1505 – 1530 25 min	Afternoon Break, Poster and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing
1530 – 1630 60 min	<p>Concurrent Workshops – Session 2 <i>The following 3 workshops will run concurrently from 15:30 – 16:30. Participants will select one to attend.</i></p>



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Workshop 3	Legal Perspectives in Brain Injury Cases TBD Coming Soon
1630- 1635	Transition Time
1635 – 1645 <i>10 min</i>	Closing Remarks, Awards and Prize Draws