

Thursday October 29, 2026 | Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre

	Quiet Room	Simcoe Room
7:30	Registration & Breakfast	Grand Foyer
8:30	Opening Remarks	Grand Ballroom
8:45	Keynote Address	
	What If They're Not Ready Yet? Practical Approaches to Substance Use After Brain Injury Dr. Carolyn Lemsky, PhD, C. Psych, ABPP-CN, C-CAT (MB) Neuropsychologist and Clinical Director, Community Head Injury Resource Services (CHIRS)	Grand Ballroom
9:45	PIA & OBIA Awards of Excellence in Brain Injury Rehabilitation Presentation	Grand Ballroom
10:15	Morning Break and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing; Transition to Concurrent Sessions	Grand Foyer
10:45	Concurrent Sessions All three sessions will run at the same time. Participants select one to attend.	
Session A	Improving Staff Comfort and Skill in Managing Challenging Behaviour after Brain Injury Lynn Renton, BScOT, Reg.(N.S.), Coordinator, Nova Scotia Health ABI Provincial Network, Nova Scotia Health Acquired Brain Injury Program	Session Room 1
Session B	Can Caregiving get E.A.S.I.E.R? Recommendations from a Review of Caregiver Outcomes and Interventions Arman Ali, MPH, Research Associate, KITE Research Institute, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network Judith Gargaro, BSc, Med, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network Jackie Quemby, Person with lived experience	Session Room 2
Session C	Legal Workshop presented by PIA Law – Details to Follow	Session Room 3
11:30	Transition Time	
11:40	Concurrent Sessions All three sessions will run at the same time. Participants select one to attend.	
Session A	When Recovery Stalls: Identity Disruption as a Nervous System Process in ABI Rehabilitation Irina Valentin, PhD, C.Psych, Neuropsychologist / Clinical Psychologist / School Psychologist, Valentin Psychology Professional Corp.	Session Room 1
Session B	From Survival Mode to Values-Based Living: Acceptance and Commitment Training for ABI Caregivers Andrea Alves, OT (Reg ON), Occupational Therapist, Community Head Injury Resource Services (CHIRS) Benjamin Promane, MSW, RSW, Registered Social Worker, CHIRS	Session Room 2

Session C	The Toronto Concussion Study: Fatigue Trajectories and Vocational Recovery Following Concussion Carl Froilan Leochico, MD, MHSc, Toronto Rehab - University Health Network	Session Room 3
12:25	Lunch, Sponsor Exhibit Viewing & Networking	Grand Foyer
1:25	Rapid Podium Presentations 6 presentations (8 minutes each)	Grand Ballroom
RPP 1	The Toronto Concussion Study: Exploring the Role of Pre-Injury Activity Levels in Non-Sports Concussion Recovery Alice Wang, HBSc Candidate, University of Toronto	
RPP 2	Responding to Complexity: A System-Driven Approach to ABI Crisis Case Management Julie Osbelt, B.A. (Hons), Toronto ABI Network Rene Brassard, BSW, MSW, RSW, Cota	
RPP 3	Overdose-Related Brain Injury: Bridging Harm Reduction and Brain Injury Care through Insights from People Who Use Drugs and Caregivers Liam Michaud, PhD(c), York University	
RPP 4	Examining the Final Discharge Destinations and Health Equity Characteristics of Moderate to Severe Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors Kassandra Kenyon, RN, BSc, BScN, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Leslie Taylor BSc(Kin) BSc(PT), Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre	
RPP 5	A Legally Informed Decision-Support Tool for At-Risk Discharges in Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Ami Li, MD, MSc, CCFP, Sinai Health Jordan Pelc, MD, MSC, Sinai Health	
RPP 6	Building Awareness and Service Provider Capacity for Intimate Partner Violence Brain Injury in Canada Halina (Lin) Haag, MSW, RSW, PhD Wilfrid Laurier University	
2:20	Transition Time	
2:30	Concurrent Sessions All three sessions will run at the same time. Participants select one to attend.	
Session A	A Functional Approach to Chronic Pain Management in the ABI Population Calvin Leung, OT Reg (Ont). Occupational Therapist, FunctionAbility	Session Room 1
Session B	Bridging the Gap After Brain Injury: Expanding the Continuum of Care for Work and Financial Wellbeing Heather Nuttall, MSW, MSW, Occupational Therapist, OBIA Zoe Fallis, OT Reg (Ont.) Occupational Therapist, OBIA	Session Room 2

Session C	How Can We Better Support People with Traumatic Brain Injury after Intimate Partner Violence? Development of a clinical practice guideline and essential tools and resources Parwana Akbari, Researcher, University Health Network	Session Room 3
3:15	Afternoon Break and Sponsor Exhibit Viewing	
3:45	Keynote Address	
	Project-Based Intervention: A Practical Solution for Delivering Evidence-Based Rehabilitation in Real-Life Contexts Deidre (Dee) Sperry, MSc, S-LP Reg. CASLPO Reg. NLCHP Assistant Clinical Professor (Part Time), School of Rehabilitation Science, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University	Grand Ballroom
4:45 – 5:00	Closing Remarks	Grand Ballroom

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9:00	Keynote Address	
	Enhancing the Precision and Effectiveness of Cognitive Rehabilitation by Applying the RTSS Framework Dr. McKay Moore Sohlberg , PhD, CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences at the University of Oregon	Grand Ballroom
10:00	Break & Last Vote for People's Choice Award	Grand Foyer
10:30	Concurrent Workshop Sessions – all 3 sessions will run at the same time; select 1 to attend	
Session A	Beyond Accessibility: Clinical Decision-Making for Housing Accommodations in Acquired Brain Injury Alicia Kralt, BSc, MSc (OT), OT Reg (Ont). Occupational Therapist, FunctionAbility	Session Room 1
Session B	Enhancing Access to Bail Support in Ontario: a Focus on Navigation for Women with Brain Injury Flora Matheson, PhD, MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions, Unity Health Toronto Arthur McLuhan, PhD, MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions, Unity Health Toronto Lucy Gudgeon, MA, Justice, Elizabeth Fry Toronto	Session Room 2
Session C	Beyond the Mandate: Simple Tools for Responding to Crisis and Suicidality in ABI Clients Eden Dales, BA, MSW, RSW, the founder and Clinical Director of Eden Dales Social Work Uri Carmel-Kraiem, MSW, RSW	Session Room 3
11:15	Lunch & Networking	Grand Foyer
12:30	Recharging Yoga Session – Angie Davis	Grand Ballroom
12:45	Keynote Address	
	The Importance of Choices Dean Wardak , Motivational Speaker, Director, Tamara Gordon Foundation, Patient Partner, EMPaCT, Women's College Hospital	Grand Ballroom
1:45 – 2:00	Closing Remarks, Presentation of People's Choice Award, Sponsor Prize Winners	Grand Ballroom