



Brain Injury Association of Niagara & Friends Helping Friends

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Introducing our Keynote Speakers



Presenting our 16th Biennial Conference:
Demystifying Brain Injury

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Americana Conference Resort & Spa
8444 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, ON

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Host

Brain Injury Association of Niagara and Friends Helping Friends welcome you to our 16th Biennial Conference: "Demystifying Brain Injury."

Our Target Audience

This conference will be of special interest to ABI Rehabilitation Professionals, Case Managers, Front-Line Workers, Insurance and legal representatives, Advocates, and Persons living with the effects of an ABI, their Families and/or Caregivers.

Our Conference Program

Includes both plenary and workshop sessions, featuring a variety of dynamic speakers presenting on wide spectrum of topics pertaining from mTBI to Severe TBI, latest innovations in research, and relevant legal issues.

Continuing Education Credits

Delegates are encouraged to review self-assessment guidelines issued by their professional college/association for continuing education credits, or contact their professional college or association for further info.

Keynote Presentations:

Dr. Abraham Sniderman

"Behavioural and Emotional Issues After ABI"

This presentation will examine the most common behavioural and emotional dyscontrol syndromes seen in ABI. It will review basic neuroanatomical and physiological factors associated as well as basic concepts in their treatment.

Charles Gluckstein, Partner
Gluckstein Lawyers

"Being prepared for 2020 – Surviving the Legal World with a Brain Injury in the near Future"

In this presentation Charles Gluckstein will discuss the emerging technology in driverless vehicles that will revolutionize accessibility for accident victims. Further the topic will explore the impact on the legal, insurance and medical industry. Other innovations which are emerging will also be discussed as well as the impact on tort law and accident benefits law in general. Are you ready for 2020?

David A. Payne, Senior Partner
& **Adam J. Tanel, Associate, Thomson, Rogers**

"Catastrophic SABS Amendments: How Catastrophic Are They?"

As part of the provincial budget announced on April 23, 2015, the Ontario government decided to make it more difficult for brain injury victims to access the rehabilitation benefits that they need. Even worse, the benefits available for the most serious brain injuries have been slashed in half. These changes come into effect on June 1, 2016. In a truly Orwellian ploy, the provincial government, and their generous "sponsors" at the IBC are marketing these amendments as measures to cut fraud and increase consumer choice. This packaging is utterly false. The 3 major changes relevant to brain injury victims are as follows:

- A) A much more restrictive definition of "Catastrophic Impairment" (which will be used to delay and deny benefit payments);
- B) A reduction in the catastrophic impairment benefit limits;
- C) A major reduction in the scope of non-earner benefits.

This presentation will focus on explaining the changes outlined above, discussing ramifications for brain injury victims and treatment providers, and present some creative measures that lawyers and treatment providers can use to mitigate the damage caused by these amendments.

Program at a Glance

Conference Schedule—Thursday, October 27, 2016
Americana Conference Resort & Spa—Grande Ballroom N.

7:00—8:15	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Hosted by Gluckstein Lawyers</i>
8:25—8:45	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:45—9:45	Keynote Presentations "Being Prepared for 2020—Surviving the Legal World with a Brain Injury in the Near Future" <i>Charles Gluckstein</i>
9:50—10:55	"Behavioural and Emotional Issues After Acquired Brain Injury" <i>Abraham Sniderman, MD, FRCP (C)</i> <i>Sponsored by Thomson, Rogers</i>
11:00—11:20	Refreshment Break—View Exhibits
11:20—12:25	Concurrent Sessions — A
12:25—1:40	Buffet Luncheon — Grande Ballroom South — <i>Hosted by Thomson, Rogers</i>
1:45—2:45	Keynote Presentation "Catastrophic SABS Amendments: How Catastrophic Are They?" <i>David A. Payne & Adam J. Tanel</i>
2:50—3:50	Concurrent Sessions—B <i>Daniel Bax's Presentation</i> <i>Sponsored by Gluckstein Lawyers</i>
3:55—4:10	Refreshment Break—View Exhibits
4:10—5:10	Concurrent Sessions — C
5:15—5:30	Closing Remarks, Evaluations & Draws

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CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS

Session A

A1. “Getting your Head in the Game: The Causes, Identification and Prevention of Adolescent Concussions”— Douglas D. Fraser, MD, PhD, FRCPC, Consultant, Paediatric Critical Care Medicine, Associate Professor, Paediatrics, Physiology/Pharmacology and Critical Neurological Sciences, Western University Clinical Scientist, Children’s Health Research Institute and Centre for Critical Illness Research, Director, Translational Research Centre

Concussions are a major public health concern and they disproportionately affect youth, with more than half occurring in children and adolescents. Concussions often result in significant acute symptoms and long-term consequences for daily functioning and ongoing neurologic and cognitive development. Dr. Fraser will discuss the causes of concussions in adolescents, as well as new technologies to diagnose concussions. Several concussion prevention programs will be presented.

A2. “Navigating the Complex Waters of TBI: A Speech Language Pathologist’s Perspective”— Sucheta Heble, M.A., M.S., CCC-SLP, Reg. CASLPO, Brain and Spinal Cord Rehab Program, Toronto Rehab—UHN

This presentation will provide an overview of the diversity and complexity of the speech-language pathologist’s role working with clients with Traumatic Brain Injury. Through case studies and video examples, participants will better understand how clients with TBI navigate through their rehab journey with ongoing cognitive and/or communication impairments. This session will also provide evidence-based approaches for health care practitioners and/or caregivers in better managing their care.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:
Understand the complex role of the speech-language pathologist working with clients with TBI; Identify characteristics of cognitive-communication impairments in clients with TBI; and apply strategies for managing clients’ complex communication impairments into their practice.

Session B

B1: “We are Possible” — Daniel Bax, Author & Inspirational Speaker, Breakthrough Recovery Coach

Daniel will share what he experienced enduring Traumatic Brain Injury, what the focus was on, and how that induced the state of mind to knockdown all obstacles, breakthrough all barriers and set new standards, I Will Step Up, Step Up, Step Up!

B2: “Verbal Abuse between Caregivers and Care Receivers” — Dr. Heather Kilty, M.Ed, B.A, PhD, Health Services and Therapeutic Counselling, Co-Founder of Stress and Wellness Enterprises, Professor, Brock University, Nursing Dept., also private counselling practice.

VERBAL ABUSE is when words are used to cause harm and may involve name-calling, sneering, belittling, withholding affection or bullying. Such abuse is often not acknowledged or is often hidden. This workshop will explore types of verbal abuse, causes,

Session B (cont’d.)

B2. Verbal Abuse Between Caregivers and Care Receivers (cont’d).

signs of such abuse and the effects it has on all parties. Difficult situations, stress, fatigue, attitudes, cognitive challenges and behaviours can create circumstances where we may be victims of such abuse or begin to be verbally abusive ourselves. It is important to be aware of verbal abuse so we can protect others or change behaviours for the better. Learn some strategies to deal with or alter this abuse in our intimate and caregiving situations.

Session C

C1: “BIAN’s Clubhouse Dream becomes a Reality”

Sherrie Bieman-Copland, PhD, CPsych, Katie Hill, BIAN Clubhouse Coordinator, and Mary Lou Dalaire, BIAN member, FHF President and long-time volunteer.

The goal of this presentation is to highlight the strengths, abilities, and energy of BIAN’s members living with brain injury. Four years ago, we all had a dream of having a place that members could call home. We will share with you how BIAN members worked together to achieve our dream of BIAN’s Oasis clubhouse.

C2: “Financial Management after Brain Injury: A Preliminary Conceptual Framework” — Lisa Engel, BKin, MScOT, OT (Reg, Ont.)

The aim of this presentation is to describe the current understanding of financial management experiences of people living with brain injury. Although this is an important aspect of everyday life for people living with brain injury, there is little literature on this topic. We know that errors in managing finances, such as paying bills and budgeting, can have costly effects for brain injury survivors and their families. Further, brain injury survivors’ level of independence in financial management has an impact on personal independence in other life areas such as community participation. However, current assessments and interventions may not be addressing the total financial management experiences and skill requirements of Canadian brain injury survivors living in the 21st century. To address this knowledge gap, we used qualitative methods and interviewed brain injury survivors and their close-others to understand financial management experiences. This presentation will discuss the initial interview analyses and results of a Financial Management after Brain Injury framework. This framework can be used to guide the development of comprehensive financial management assessments and interventions. To conclude the presentation, the speaker will invite audience perspectives about the preliminary developed framework in order to further the understanding of this important everyday life are after brain injury.

Delegate Registration Form *(please print)*

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Organization: _____

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Concurrent Sessions (Check your choice for each session)

Session A1 Dr. Fraser A2 S. Heble

Session B1 D. Bax B2 Dr. Kilty

Session C1 BIAN Clubhouse C2 L. Engel

Deadlines (check your registration options)

*Early Registration for Professionals \$195

***Must be Postmarked by September 20, 2016**

Late Registration for Professionals \$225

Family members and/or Caregivers \$100

Individuals with an ABI \$100

***Your registration fee must accompany this form or the

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BIAN reserves the right to restrict participation, and/or the right to adjust the program or cancel this conference due to insufficient registration or circumstances beyond our control.

REGISTER EARLY! SPACE IS LIMITED!

Please mail your registration form along with your cheque, payable to Brain Injury Association of Niagara, to our mailing address:

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Delegates with Special Needs: A limited number of handicap parking spaces have been reserved in the South parking lot. Please access the conference facility by the South entrance.

Cancellation Policy: Refund of registration fees will be made less a \$50 administration fee, with written notice postmarked by **October 15, 2016**. No refunds issued after this date, although delegate substitution is acceptable. No registrations will be accepted on the day of the conference.

For more information contact Pat Dracup, Program Director

BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF NIAGARA

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Exhibit Space: Exhibitor spaces are available to agencies who wish to share information about their services, programs and/or products at the conference venue. Exhibitor fee includes 8 ft. cloth covered table, one chair and one non-transferable exhibitor registration. **Register early. Space is limited.** Note: Additional attendees pay the individual professional conference rate.

Please check all the apply:

Exhibitor registration display area and non-transferable registration for exhibitor \$625

Electrical Outlet needed Yes No

Additional cost of \$20 to exhibitors for electrical outlet; Please supply your own extension cord.

Exhibit set up/tear down time:

6:30-7:00 a.m.—October 27, 2016.

Tear down 5:30 pm.

To reserve exhibit space please complete and return no later than **September 30, 2016**, along with your cheque payable to:

Brain Injury Association of Niagara

Registration Forms: Additional registration forms can be downloaded from our website: bianiagara.org

Accommodation: Americana Conference Resort & Spa
8444 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario

For Reservations call 905-356-8444 or 1-800-263-3508

Ask for Block booking under Brain Injury Association of Niagara. Standard Room rate \$79 plus applicable taxes, based on single or double occupancy (does Not include Indoor Water Park). **Block Booking rate valid until October 12, 2016.**

Directions from Toronto, Ontario

- Take QEW Niagara to the Lundy's Lane/Dorchester Rd exit (Exit 30B). Keep right off Exit 30B and follow to Montrose Rd. then turn left onto Montrose Rd. and follow to Lundy's Lane. Turn right onto Lundy's Lane and follow to the Americana which is located on the left-hand side just past Kalar Rd.