National Acquired Brain Injury Conference

Improving choice, quality and service delivery for the changing needs of people living with an ABI

8 – 9 November 2016 | Royal Rehab, Ryde, Sydney

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

Barry Willer, Ph.D. Professor,
University at Buffalo, USA
TBI as a chronic condition - Short & long term consequences

2016 HIGHLIGHTS:

– Paediatric ABI - Service provision recommendations for return to school
– Embrace technology to enhance recovery, engage & motivate clients
– Challenges of receiving & providing a care program at home
– Specific goal driven neurological rehabilitation
– Collaboration & cooperation between services
– Concussion - Evaluation, management & education
– Alcohol & drug related brain injury
– TBI & family violence
– Aphasia awareness – Consumer driven initiative
– Person centred partnership to enable full engagement in life
– Health disability interface implication for NDIS
– Lived experience based peer support programs in an NDIS world
– Workforce issues & training for disability support workers
– Resilience, participation & belonging post ABI
– Vocational opportunities & increase coping skills & self-confidence

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REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT:
National Acquired Brain Injury Conference
Tuesday 8 November 2016

8:30  Registration & Coffee

9:00  Opening Remarks from the Chair
      Nick Rushworth, Executive Officer, Brain Injury Australia

9:10  WELCOME ADDRESS
      Stephen Lowndes, CEO, Royal Rehab, Ryde, Sydney

9:20  Consumer Opening Presentation
      Speaker to be advised

9:50  INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
      TBI as a Chronic Condition - Short & Long Term Consequences
      — Severe TBI is marked by progressive decline in health & cognition
      — Recent evidence suggests that TBI involves progressive neurodegeneration
      — There is high prevalence of neuroendocrine dysfunction after TBI affecting multiple aspects of health
      — Life expectancy after severe TBI is substantially less robust than we assumed
      Barry Willer, Ph.D. Professor, University at Buffalo, USA

10:40 Morning Tea & Networking

11:10 Paediatric ABI – Service Provision Recommendations for Return to School
      — Problems that children experience following a TBI
      — Importance of active engagement in education system as an important part of a child’s life
      — Typical problems experienced returning children to the school system following ABI
      — Practical approach to developing educational guidelines for children with ABI
      — Moving towards approaches for greater integration between hospital & school
      Audrey McKinlay, Senior Lecturer, University of Melbourne

11:50 Embracing Technology to Enhance Recovery
      — Recent technological developments in robotic devices & neuroprosthetics improve motor function & participation in children with ABI’s when incorporated within a neuroplasticity based framework
      — Results from our Robotic program & case studies to demonstrate innovative techniques & positive outcomes for children attending sub-acute tertiary rehabilitation in WA
      Dr Jane Valentine, Head of Dept Paediatric Rehabilitation, Princess Margaret Hospital; Associate Professor, University of WA

12:30 Lunch & Networking

1:30  Treating with Technology - The 5 W’s (What, Why, Who, Where & When)
      — Utilising modern technology to improve outcomes for neurologically injured clients is now common practice worldwide, especially in young people
      — These new practices keep clients engaged, motivated & eager to return for more therapy
      — Repetitive therapy is no longer boring so why are we not providing these services in Australia?
      — Case studies of amazing progress using such devices with clients will be discussed – you be the judge
      Vicki Abraham, Managing Director / Occupational Therapist, Abraham OT Services Pty Ltd

2:10  Extended Rehabilitation Services for People with Severe ABI
      Jacinta Douglas, PhD, Professor of Acquired Brain Injury (Summer Foundation Chair, Living Well with Brain Injury), Living with Disability Research Centre, School of Allied Health, La Trobe University
      Co-presenter to be advised

2:50 Afternoon Tea & Networking

3:20  Facing the Challenges of Distance Head On – Collaboration & Cooperation Between Services
      — Outcomes of an Indigenous male with an ABI residing in a small community
      — Challenges encountered & innovative problem solving
      — Specific goal driven neurological rehabilitation to improve quality of life
      — Financial & logistical constraints, transfer of knowledge, acquisition of equipment, maintaining client’s connection to home & community, & retaining service viability
      Adelene Yap, Rehabilitation Coordinator, Brightwater Care Group

4:00  How to Cope with a Stranger in your Lounge Room – Challenges of Receiving & Providing a Care Program at Home
      — Intervention from multidisciplinary team members to address & mediate, when the needs of clients & their families are incompatible with the objectives & requirements of the care agencies & support workers going into their homes
      — Tension that exists between having a private home & workplace as a shared environment
      — Case studies - Issues that arise when working with complex psycho-social dynamics
      — Consideration of a framework to prevent the breakdown of care programs rather than relying on crisis intervention
      Samantha Grant, Director - Senior Clinical Psychologist, inspire rehab & psychology
      Robina Moubarak, Senior Social Worker, Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit Community Team, Liverpool Hospital

4:40  Closing Remarks from the Chair, followed by Networking Drinks

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10:30 Opening Remarks from the Chair

9:00 Registration & Coffee

9:10 Concussion in Australia – Evaluation, Management & Education
- How concussion is viewed in Australia & media – Current research & understanding
- How concussion is evaluated & managed in Australia – Issues & considerations
- How common is Post-concussive syndrome?
- The future of concussion management – Discussion & suggestions
- Mission & strategies of Concussion Australia
Laura Anderson, Neuropsychologist & President, Concussion Australia

9:50 Alcohol & Drug Related Brain Injury
- The nature of alcohol related brain injury over the whole lifespan
- Which illicit drugs cause brain injury
- How we can predict who is likely to sustain substance-related brain injury
- Practical approaches to management of alcohol & drug related brain injury currently
- Moving forwards, what approaches to management of alcohol & drug related brain injury we need to be working towards
A/Prof Yvonne Bonomo, Physician in Addiction Medicine & Adolescent Medicine; Director, Department of Addiction Medicine, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne; University of Melbourne

10:30 Morning Tea & Networking

11:00 PANEL DISCUSSION – The Overlap Between TBI & Family Violence
- How many women experience brain injury as a result of family violence? Is anyone counting?
- Is it a plausible hypothesis that brain injury can predispose some people to commit violent acts? Does brain injury increase the propensity to commit family violence?
- Despite the increased likelihood that a family violence survivor has a history of brain injury, why is it not standard practice for shelters to screen for TBI?
- What role does brain injury play in the inability for some women to leave violent relationships?
- Why are there no meaningful estimates of the number of children with brain injury caused by violence? What are some of the possible short & long-term repercussions of this?
In addition to raising public awareness about the overlap between TBI & violence, this panel will discuss ways to better identify & assist persons who experience violence.
Deborah Byrne, Executive Officer, Brain Injury Association of Tasmania
Dr Janine Martin, Neuropsychologist
Visit the website for additional panellists

11:40 TAAD: The Aphasia Awareness Delegation. Three Rotarians, Three Brain Injury Recoveries, One Message
- International studies suggest that community awareness of Aphasia remains low. The repercussions of low aphasia awareness extend beyond the individual to the broader community
- TAAD is a 100% consumer driven initiative. People with Aphasia still have plenty to say
- TAAD’s goal is simple – to use an existing community network to make people aware of Aphasia. The response has been overwhelming
Colleen Kerr, Certified Practising Speech Pathologist; Member, Speech Pathology Australia; Director, Optimal Speech Pathology
Sean O’Brien, Consumer
Dianne Finch, Consumer
Bernard Chandra, Consumer

12:20 Lunch & Networking

1:10 Systems & Success – Living Life Fully 20 Years Post Severe ABI as Non-Verbal & with Multiple Disabilities
A long term case study demonstrating:
- Managing change over 20 years
- Analysis & response to spasticity triggers
- Long term procedural learning to minimise spastic patterns
- Systems approach using person centred partnership to enable full engagement in life
- Health disability interface implication for NDIS
- Improving collaboration & cooperation between services
Margaret Darcy, Private Community Physiotherapist
Mary Nolan AM, Parent & Member of Inability Possibility Inc.

1:50 Self- Directed Support – The Benefits & Challenges from My Six Year Journey
- The NDIS will encourage self-directed/ self-management of supports
- Share experiences of doing this for a family member who has high & complex support needs as a result of a catastrophic ABI from a rural/ remote perspective
- Person centred care & support
- Community based rehabilitation
- Workforce issues & training for disability support workers
Leslee Hogan, Parent/ Carer & Support Co-ordinator, White Crane Collective

2:50 Resilience, Participation & Belonging Post ABI - Lived Experience Based Peer Support Programs & their Applicability in an NDIS World
- Key research projects underpinning the developed model – Building approach, evaluations, findings & evolution
- Consumer perspectives (we are member led)
- Local initiatives backed by research
- Promoting self-advocacy in NDIS
- Innovative models of care
- Support for family & carers
Dr Jennifer Farnden, Manager, Families4Families Incorporated

3:30 SSAYIT – Supporting SA Youth Initiative Transition Program
Engaging people with ABI or other disability that impacts cognitive functioning to:
- Explore vocational aspiration
- Develop skills to be confident
- Reduce barriers, increase coping skills & self-confidence
- Maximise capacity & real-world functioning
- Enhance mental wellbeing & functioning
Amy Ambagtsheer, Program Coordinator, Brain Injury SA

4:10 Closing Remarks from the Chair & Close of the Conference
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