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A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS



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Toronto ABI Network is a recognized leader and collective voice in acquired brain injury (ABI). They bring together providers from across the health care and social services continuum to improve the quality and accessibility of publicly-funded service for individuals affected by ABI.

About the Conference

Conference Goals

This year's conference will focus on 'Acquired Brain Injury - Across the Ages'.

This conference will be of special interest to social workers, discharge planners, occupational therapists, case managers and other health care professionals who treat, advise and advocate on behalf of the brain injury community.

Continuing Education Credits

Conference attendance certificates will be provided. Registrants are encouraged to review self-assessment guidelines issued by their professional college or association for continuing education credits, or contact their professional college association for further information.

Registration fees will be donated entirely to:

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Agenda

2017 Conference: Acquired Brain Injury - Across the Ages

7:30 REGISTRATION

8:50 WELCOME and OPENING REMARKS

Charissa Levy, *Executive Director, Toronto ABI Network*
Wendy Moore Mandel, *Partner, Thomson, Rogers*

9:00 Pediatric Brain Injury - Medical and Rehabilitation Planning - How to Plan for Milestones

Dr. Daune MacGregor, *Neurologist, Hospital for Sick Children*

9:40 Adolescent Brain Injury - They Look Fine but is Seeing Believing?

Dr. R. Garth Smith, *Developmental Pediatrician, Hotel Dieu Hospital*

10:20 Brain Injury in the Adult Brain

Dr. Nora Cullen, *Chief Medical Officer and VP Medicine, West Park
Healthcare Centre*

11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:20 Aging with a Brain Injury: Expectations and Realities

Dr. Rolf B. Gainer, *Vice President, Rehabilitation Institutes of America*

12:00 Understanding the Neuropsychological Assessment and How to Apply it to Your Patients and Your Practice

Dr. Paul Comper, *Neuropsychologist, Toronto Rehab*

12:40 LUNCH

2:00 Cannabis and ABI: Evidence and Practice-Based Considerations

Dr. Meldon Kahan, *Medical Director of the Substance Use Service,
Women's College*

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2:40 **LEGAL UPDATES:**

- Top Five AB Cases and How They Affect Your Patient/Practice
- What is going on at the Licence Appeal Tribunal (insight into the LAT)?
- Who is Really Writing Medical/Legal Reports (Ghostwriting)?
- An Update on Catastrophic Impairment

Carr Hatch, *Partner, Thomson, Rogers*

Troy Lehman, *Partner, Oatley Vigmond*

Bryan Sansom, *Associate, McLeish Orlando*

3:25 **Presentation of the 2017 Awards of Excellence in Brain Injury Rehabilitation**

Ruth Wilcock, *Executive Director, Ontario Brain Injury Association*

4:05 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Hedy Chandler, *Chair, Toronto ABI Network*

Adam Little, *Partner, Oatley Vigmond*

4:15 **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

All speakers are confirmed at time of printing but are subject to change.

About the Faculty

HEDY CHANDLER has served as Executive Director of Community Head Injury Resource Services of Toronto (CHIRS) for the past 30 years. CHIRS is a community-based not-for-profit funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Hedy has shepherded CHIRS from its roots as a transitional group home and the first community-based brain injury rehabilitation program in North America to its position now as an internationally recognized multi-service agency that provides a broad range of supports to a clientele with diverse and complex needs.

Hedy has been an invited speaker at conferences regionally, provincially, and internationally. She has sat on many Boards and committees, both regional and provincial, several in a leadership capacity.

She has worked collaboratively with a broad range of stakeholders, all in an effort to improve the quality of life in Toronto and Ontario for individuals whose lives have been affected by an acquired brain injury.

Hedy is a registered Social Worker and received a Master of Public Administration from Queen's University. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto Rotman School of Management Advanced Health Leadership Program and has an Organizational Leadership Certificate from the University of Missouri.

Hedy is the current Chair of both the Toronto ABI Network and the Executive Director's Network of Provincial Community ABI Programs.

DR. PAUL COMPER is a clinical neuropsychologist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – University Health Network, where he has worked with the ABI clinical team since 1997. Dr. Comper also holds faculty appointments at the University of Toronto in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute (Faculty of Medicine), the Collaborative Program in Neuroscience and the Psychological Clinical Science program at University of Toronto, Scarborough. He is also the consultant neuropsychologist with the David L. MacIntosh Sports Medicine Clinic at the University of Toronto.

Paul has published and presented internationally in the area of mild traumatic brain injury and sports-related traumatic brain injury (i.e., concussion) – with more than 100 peer reviewed publications and podium presentations in the past decade. For the past 15 years Dr. Comper has been the neuropsychology consultant to the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) and is the Co-Chair of the joint NHL/PA Concussion Subcommittee.

DR. NORA CULLEN graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto in 1994 and completed a residency program in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 1998. She did subspecialty training in Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation in Detroit at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, in 1998-99 where she developed a passion for improving the quality of life of adults with brain injury. Subsequently, she joined the staff at Toronto Rehab where she has worked clinically and in research. The focus of her research and clinical care is on long term recovery of patients with brain injury and the treatments that might improve their recovery. She is an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto, teaching medical students, residents and fellows the rehabilitation management of brain injured adults. She is also the Chief of Staff at West Park Healthcare Centre.

DR. ROLF B. GAINER is the Vice President of Rehabilitation Institutes of America and the founder

of the Neurologic Rehabilitation Institute of Ontario (Canada), serves as the Chief Executive Officer at Brookhaven Hospital and is a founding Board member of Community NeuroRehab (CNR). Dr. Gainer has been involved in the design and operation of brain injury rehabilitation programs since 1978. He has a PhD in Clinical Psychology (Union University) and a MEd in Counseling Psychology (Antioch University). He has published numerous articles on brain injury rehabilitation and has presented at many national and international conferences. He is the author of the chapter on Psychosocial Complications of Brain Injury in *The Essential Brain Injury Guide*. He is involved in three outcome studies related to brain injury and social role return.

CARR HATCH articulated at Thomson, Rogers and was named a partner at the firm in 2017. Carr conducts a trial advocacy practice where he has successfully represented clients at trials, inquests, and arbitrations before the Superior Court of Justice, the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, and the License Appeal Tribunal.

Carr's practice is dedicated to helping victims and their families across the province achieve the best possible results when they have suffered serious personal injuries. Carr regularly assists clients on cases involving historic sexual assaults, occupier's liability, facility negligence, medical malpractice, professional negligence, and motor vehicle cases.

DR. MELDON KAHAN is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at University of Toronto, and Medical Director of the Substance Use Service at Women's College Hospital. He is the Principal Investigator for the META:PHI project, which is establishing primary care based addiction treatment pathways in Toronto and other sites across Ontario. He is a member of several provincial and national committees on addiction, including the Addiction Medicine Section of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Education Committee of the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine, and the Executive Committee of the First Do No Harm Initiative of the Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse. Over the years he has written a number of peer-reviewed articles, guidelines, and educational publications on addiction-related topics. His main interests are primary care and addiction, methadone and buprenorphine treatment, and medical education in addiction.

TROY LEHMAN is a partner at Oatley Vigmond. Troy's practice is entirely devoted to helping people with serious personal injuries. Troy is certified as a specialist in civil litigation by the Law Society of Upper Canada and his practice includes motor vehicle collision cases, medical negligence cases, occupiers' liability cases and wrongful death cases. Troy joined Oatley Vigmond in 2006 after gaining valuable experience working for five years as defence counsel in medical malpractice cases.

CHARISSA LEVY is the Executive Director of two regional networks: The Toronto ABI Network and The GTA Rehab Network and is also Executive Director of the Rehabilitative Care Alliance, a provincial organization funded by the 14 Local Health Integration Networks.

As Executive Director across these 3 organizations, Charissa provides strategic and operational leadership to engage with diverse stakeholders to apply collaborative, evidence-based approaches to identify issues and implement solutions that drive improved health services at regional and provincial levels.

Charissa has a Master of Health Science degree in health administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. Charissa has completed the Rotman Advanced Health Leadership Program as well as the IDEAS Advanced Learning Program and is also an adjunct lecturer in the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. In addition to her current and previous roles with the Networks, Charissa has held administrative and clinical roles, working as an occupational therapist in the community, in private practice.

ADAM LITTLE is a partner at Oatley Vigmond. He is a past president of the Simcoe County Law Association and a certified specialist in civil litigation. Adam restricts his practice to obtaining compensation for motor vehicle accidents, medical negligence, occupiers' liability claims, and other insurance disputes. He has experience before all levels of court in the province, from jury trials in the Superior Court of Justice, to appeals at the Ontario Court of Appeal. Adam believes that achieving exceptional results in personal injury claims requires creativity, dedication, perseverance, and hard work.

DR. DAUNE MACGREGOR is a Paediatric Neurologist at the Hospital for Sick Children. Her current position is as a staff neurologist and Director of the Headache Program. She has a cross appointment at the Centre for Headache, Women's College Hospital. She recently completed two terms as Associate Pediatrician-in-Chief, and Associate Chair, Clinical Services, in the Department of Pediatrics at the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto. She has been the Associate Medical Director, SickKids International.

Dr. MacGregor completed her medical training at the University of Saskatchewan graduating cum laude in 1971. She then trained in Paediatrics and Neurology in Toronto at the Hospital for Sick Children and did postgraduate studies in Developmental Neurology at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, England and the Children's Hospital Medical Center at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. She was appointed a full Professor of Paediatrics and Neurology at the University of Toronto in 1995. Her research interests are in the study of cerebral vascular disorders including stroke and headache, and neurodevelopmental disorders including acquired brain injury in children. Dr. MacGregor is a Past President of the Canadian Association of Child Neurologists. She has completed MBA studies at Athabasca University, Edmonton, Alberta completing a thesis in project management.

Dr. MacGregor is the owner of MacGregor Equestrian Farms, a Hunter Jumper facility in Chatsworth, Ontario. She is involved in the breeding of warmblood horses and has been recognized by awards at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

WENDY MOORE MANDEL is a Gold Medalist from the University of Western Ontario and graduated from Queen's University Faculty of Law in 1993. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 1995. She is a partner at Thomson, Rogers. Her practice is exclusively personal injury and medical malpractice cases, acting on behalf of seriously injured people and their families.

Wendy is a past Director of the Ontario Trial Lawyers' Association (OTLA) and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Advocates' Society and the Metropolitan Toronto Lawyers Association.

Wendy has lectured for The Canadian Institute, The Neurological Rehabilitation Institute of Ontario,

The Advocates' Society, The Ontario Trial Lawyers Association and to health care providers in both the hospital setting and at academic conferences. Wendy is published in the 2010 Annual Review of Civil Litigation. She has been identified as a leading practitioner in the area of personal injury law by LEXPERT®. She also has the honour of having been selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in Canada® 2017 in the field of personal injury litigation.

BRYAN SANSOM received an Honours B.Sc. in Biology and Chemistry from Wilfrid Laurier University, a M.Sc. in Microbiology from the University of Waterloo, and a law degree from the University of Western Ontario. In addition to his academics, Bryan also played varsity hockey.

The catastrophic injury of a loved one inspired Bryan to pursue a career in personal injury. As a result, Bryan is a passionate advocate and has an empathetic and understanding approach to client interaction.

Bryan joined McLeish Orlando LLP as a summer student in 2014. He went on to complete his articles at McLeish Orlando LLP, and joined the firm as a lawyer in 2017.

Bryan is a member of the Ontario Trial Lawyers' Association, the Ontario Bar Association and Canadian Bar Association.

DR. R. GARTH SMITH is a full-time Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Queen's University and a Developmental Pediatrician.

He is a graduate of the University of the West Indies and completed his residency training at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto in 1986. He did some additional Developmental Pediatric training at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. After working in Private Practice in Southwest Ontario for 9-years, he moved to Kingston to the Child Development Centre (now KidsInclusive Centre for Child & Youth Development) as a Developmental Pediatrician, and subsequently Medical Director. Since 1996, his work has included the assessment and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, acquired brain injuries, neuromuscular disorders and children with hearing impairment, among other neurobehavioral disorders.

He is an active educator of medical students and residents on developmental topics and a past member of the Examinations Committee of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He has presented at numerous conferences across Ontario in his areas of interest.

His research interests include the diagnosis and treatment of anxiety disorders in autism spectrum disorders, Quality of life in children and youth with multiple concussions, and other.

Dr. Smith enjoys collecting and breeding Malawi Lake African Cichlids and watching English Premier League Soccer and other sports.

RUTH WILCOCK has worked in the community services field for over 30 years. She is the Executive Director of the Ontario Brain Injury Association (OBIA) and has been with the organization since 2004. Ruth's work at the Ontario Brain Injury Association continues to focus on enhancing the lives of Ontarians living with acquired brain injury through education, awareness and support and continuing the work of building the Affiliate Network of local brain injury associations and support groups across the province.

REGISTRATION

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For further information, please contact Elisa O'Neill of Thomson, Rogers at 416-868-3195, or by email rsvp@PIALaw.ca.

CONFERENCE COST

Early Bird Registration: \$150 until July 31st.

Beginning August 1st, the conference cost is \$200

Cost includes conference binder, breakfast buffet, lunch and cocktail reception.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees will be donated entirely to: **Toronto  Network**



LOCATION: THE CARLU

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