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It gives me great pleasure to extend my greetings to all those taking part in the Brain Injury Association of Canada’s (BIAC’s) 11th annual conference.

Since its foundation, the BIAC has worked to improve the quality of life of Canadians who have sustained a brain injury and to promote measures aimed at preventing such injuries. Always looking to innovate, the BIAC adapts treatments to the needs of patients in order to make it easier for them to adapt and to resume their place in society. Through its research, prevention and support programs, the association provides essential care that helps thousands of individuals.

As Patron of the BIAC, I would like to thank all those whose exceptional kindness and remarkable contributions make such difference in so many lives.

I wish you all a very productive conference.

David Johnston

2014
A message from Brain Injury Canada Co-Presidents

Bienvenue à vous toutes et à vous tous à Gatineau; Welcome ladies and gentlemen to Gatineau, the site of our eleventh Brain Injury Association of Canada Conference.

The eleventh conference sees all of us now beginning to realize the dream of past conferences on building bridges among and between survivors, caregivers, families, health and other human services professionals, and researchers.

Let’s start with the researchers who have been key to building these bridges, along with those they have engaged in this research endeavour, including those representing all of you across Canada, as participants in the National Population Health Study of Neurological Conditions launched by Neurological Health Charities Canada, of which Brain Injury Association of Canada is a member, in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada and funded by Health Canada.

The findings from this 3 year Study soon to be released will shape an action-oriented strategy to address needs and services gaps for survivors and caregivers for a broad range of chronic neurological disorders, including brain injury.

A brain injury action plan will be prominent because the needs and gaps for survivors and caregivers of brain injury identified in the Study are now able to take advantage of recent developments to provide solutions;

- new care guidelines for adult and pediatric concussion have been published by the Neurological Health Charities Canada partner, Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation www.onf.org , with guidelines for severe brain injury pending;
- funding opportunities recently announced by CIHR for applications that are judged by peer review to be evidence-based in the knowledge application process to address the needs and gaps;

The study findings will be presented both at the Federal level, and at jurisdictional levels couched in very specific recommendations requiring action directed to a value proposition of continually optimizing outcomes for survivors and caregivers through continuing optimization of care services.

Simultaneously, the products generated from the Study will be linked to specific knowledge application processes for innovations that can address the identified needs and gaps. Such is the stuff of transformation of our Canadian health system, in this case targeting brain injury, through innovation.

Not surprisingly, the Study and its action-oriented directions have caught the attention of the provinces and territories whose responsibility it is to deliver care while monitoring the performance of their care delivery systems. Governments, both federal and jurisdictional, are interested in innovation, system sustainability, and patient oriented research.

All of which to say that all of us – survivors, caregivers, families, human services professionals and the organizations with whom they are engaged, including researchers linked to academic health organizations in our jurisdictions, as well as federal and jurisdictional funders of services and research are now positioned in an unprecedented way as stakeholders to make changes that will make a difference.

The task, while visionary is realistic given in-house Neurological Health Charities Canada member expertise, but not straightforward. It will require all of us to come together – Brain Injury Association of Canada with provincial and territorial Brain Injury associations, Brain Injury associations with their jurisdictional members of the National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Organizations and of HealthCareCAN (academic health organizations), and all of us living within our jurisdictions within alliances to make it happen, supported by Federal and jurisdictional funding for pan-Canadian research and innovation in the interests of health, social, and economic benefit.

And so, the Message: Together We Can!

Barb Butler, Rick Riopelle
Co-Presidents
I am delighted to welcome you all to the 2014 Brain Injury Association of Canada conference this year being held in Gatineau, QC. We will be starting day one with an exciting announcement about the future of your national organization.

Both the oral and poster presentations, drawn from our call for abstracts, promise to inspire you and provide you with new research and ideas. Our “Speaker Spot” a great place to meet and talk to our speakers, which include survivors who will inspire, and the top researchers of today and the future.

I hope this conference will be a memorable experience for all of you where you will be able to renew old friendships, make new connections, both learn from and teach other attendees and leave us feeling inspired, renewed and fulfilled from your experience with us.

2015 will see us hosting conferences in Halifax in April and the Toronto area in September.

Enjoy your conference experience.

Barb Butler
Conference Chair 2014
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8:00-8:15 Welcome - Salon des Nations

8:15 - 9:00 KEYNOTE
Salon des Nations

Dr. Dan Andreae Brain Injury Lecture presented by
Daniel Bax, Author/ Speaker/ Coach
Identity Theft: Who am I after brain injury?

9:00 - 9:30 - Nutrition and Network Break
Visit speakers in the "Speaker Spot." The "speaker spot" is an area set aside where, during all breaks, the speakers will make themselves available for questions and dialogue with attendees.

9:30 - 10:00
Breakout Session A
Allison Woyiwada and Robert McMechan, Ottawa, ON
Allison's Brain
Allison Woyiwada and her husband Robert McMechan have co-written a book called Allison's Brain. It describes Allison's experience beginning with a giant brain aneurysm diagnosis in 2011, and details her complex twelve hour surgery at the Ottawa Heart Institute in May 2012 during which the aneurysm was "clipped". It also describes Allison's gradual emergence from her severe post-surgery deficits, with the assistance of therapists and the community's support.

The launch of the book is a free event open to the public and will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Salon des Nations.

Breakout Session B
Angela Colantonio, PhD, OT Reg. (Ont.), CIHR Research Chair in Gender Work and Health, Vincy Chan, MPH, PhD Candidate, University of Toronto & Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, UHN, Shiva Amiri, PhD, Ontario Brain Institute
BRAIN INJURY and BIG DATA
The aim of this presentation is to disseminate current and future opportunities to use big data for scientific discovery, policy, planning and training relevant to brain injury. This session will begin with findings from a large study funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada using interRAI data based on the entire population of Ontario and some other provinces. This will be followed by an exciting new opportunity: Brain-CODE ("Centre for Ontario Data Exploration"). This presentation will end with a trainee perspective of the benefits and challenges of using "big data" for research.

Breakout Session C
Leslie Birkett, B.Sc., OT, OT Reg. (Ont.), Burlington, ON & Deidre Sperry, M.Sc., S-LP (C), Dundas, ON
Practical Tips to Help Your Adolescent Move from Surviving to Thriving After Brain Injury

10:00 - 10:10 - Break

10:10 - 10:40
Breakout Session A
Dr. Ronald Wall, PhD, MBA, MAsc, PEng, Population Health Modelling Section, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch, Public Health Agency of Canada
NEW Beginnings

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10:10 - 10:40 continued
Breakout Session B
Chaudiere 1
Josh Furlonger: Bartimaeus Rehabilitation Services – Eastern Ontario
*Ableism: Creating an Environment of Equity*
How can we ensure that we are developing and embracing an environment of empowerment? This interactive workshop will look to educate service providers, family members, and those suffering from the effects of a brain injury in regards to creating a person centred approach as well as identifying ableism; its factors and strategies to avoid its effects.

Breakout Session C
Chaudiere 2
Tamara Bushnuk and Brian Im
*Investigating the Cycle of Homelessness and TBI: Are We Looking At the Right Information?*
It has been estimated that over half of the homeless population has experienced a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Concerns about under-identification of the housing unstable and the associated risks they face will be discussed and data will be presented on lifetime history of housing instability in comparison to at-the-moment homelessness status collected by the TBIMS. Housing instability, rather than current homelessness, may prove to be a more nuanced variable in understanding the role of social class in health disparities and providing effective interventions for this population.

10:50 -11:20
Breakout Session A
Chateau neuf
*“Introduction to Outside-of-the-Box Treatment of Concussions For Extraordinary Results”*

Breakout Session B
Chaudiere 1
Liam Dessureault Clinical Specialist, Rehabilitation/Spécialiste clinique, réadaptation Canadian Institute for Health Information
*Outcomes from Inpatient Rehabilitation Following Traumatic Brain Injury in Canada*
A retrospective analysis of the National Rehabilitation Reporting System to describe the characteristics of and rehabilitation outcomes for traumatic brain injury patients following inpatient rehabilitation.

Breakout Session C
Chaudiere 2
Alexandra Kelly, MSc, Public Health, Senior Coordinator. Parachute (national injury prevention organization.)
*“Parachute's Horizon: Injury Prevention Solution Portal.”*
The presentation will cover the development of Parachute's strategic direction, commitment to knowledge translation and the process of building this unprecedented resource. Parachute will conclude with an overview of the new portal—an exciting new resource for all conference participants.

11:20 - 11:30 - Break

11:30 - 12:10 - KEYNOTE
Salon des Nations
Enrico Quilico B.Ed., M.A. (Candidate), McGill University
*“Reaching for the Stars”- Survivor Story*
This presentation will address both lived experience about suffering a severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) and how this led to a chosen career path in research. Enrico will review how exercise may lead to the amelioration of specific TBI related cognitive, psychosocial, physical impairments according to the latest research and from an insider's perspective. The underlying message of this presentation is about making the best of unfortunate circumstances, persevering against the odds and celebrating life.
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12:10 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 KEYNOTE
Salon des Nations
Dr. Dan Andreae-ADVOCACY FOR BRAIN INJURIES
From grassroots to key decision makers
Learn how to organize at the Community Level, Deal with Media.
Approach Corporate Canada

1:45 - 2:00 - Nutrition and Network Break
Visit speakers in the “Speaker Spot.”

2:00 - 4:30
Sleep Workshop
Salon des Nations
Catherine Wiseman Hakes Ph.D. Reg. CASLPO,Post-Doctoral Fellow
Bloorview Research Institute, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital and
Marie-Christine Ouellet, Université Laval and CIRRIS
Sleep Disturbances and Fatigue following TBI
Disturbed sleep and fatigue are two of the most commonly reported and debilitating sequelae
following TBI, across all levels of severity. The aim of this workshop is to provide attendees
with the knowledge and techniques to enhance their own practice in addressing issues
related to sleep and fatigue. Topics to be covered will include an overview of normal sleep
across the life-span, the importance of sleep in recovery from injury, as well as the difference
between sleep disorders and fatigue. Instruments and techniques for the assessment and
monitoring of sleep and fatigue will be presented, followed by hands-on introduction to
non-pharmacological interventions for both sleep and fatigue, including cognitive behavioral
therapy. - For clinicians and others interested

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8:00 - 8:45 KEYNOTE
Salon des Nations
Bonnie Swaine, PhD (Université de Montréal & CRIR) and
Shawn Marshall, MD, MSC, FRCPC
Development and Implementation of a Clinical Practice Guideline for the Rehabilitation of
Adults with Moderate to Severe Traumatic Brain Injury in Québec and Ontario

8:45 - 9:15 - Nutrition and Network Break
Visit speakers in the “Speaker Spot.”

9:15 - 9:45
Breakout Session A
Chateauneuf
Jane Clark Foster, BSc, LLB, Ottawa, On
“Access to Brain Care: Navigating the Unknown, Enduring the Maze. Notes from the Frontline.” - Survivor Views
Access challenges include finding, waiting for, funding and coordinating treatment. This
session will review these real challenges and suggest possible solutions.
Janic Gorayeb, Health Information Specialist, Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada

The Impact of Brain Tumours

Canadians are diagnosed with a brain tumour; there is no cure. Brain tumours are unpredictable and complex, and can impact vision, hearing, memory, balance and mobility. Their effects are physical, emotional, financial, and last a lifetime. Every year, thousands of Canadians affected by brain tumours find emotional support and comfort while gaining a better understanding and knowledge of their disease through a range of programs and services available through Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada (BTFC). A suite of programs is offered in person and online and ensures that no matter where you live, you can connect with others who understand the brain tumour journey. This presentation will provide a general overview of brain tumours including, types, treatment and long-term effects. An overview of BTFC’s programs and services for survivors, family members and health care professionals will also be provided with a discussion around the importance of local, provincial and national partnerships to help reach everyone affected by a brain tumour.

Dr. Lee Tasker, Calgary, AB

Comparison of at-fault and no-fault motor vehicle accident in access to benefits for claimants sustaining traumatic brain injury

Jennifer Kuchinka,

“After the Truck Hit” - Survivor Story, Estevan, SK

This story is remarkable; to the extent that most people who score as low as I did (3 out of 15 do not recover and return to their normal lives to such an extent as Jennifer has. She is passionate about raising awareness about brain injuries and believes her story can have a direct impact on those wanting to understand the recovery process that survivors of traumatic brain injuries have.

Michael Hutchison, Paul Comper, Barbara Csenge

“Concussion management for students: an inter-professional approach

This session will provide an overview of an innovative inter-professional approach to support students returning to school activity after concussion. The symposium will review medical principles when managing students with concussions, specifically drawing on our institution’s “Rules to Recovery”. We will also provide an in depth examination from the school’s perspective of what should be included in a comprehensive concussion management strategy. Finally, we will draw on our data to provide insight into stages of recovery within the school environment, potential risk factors for delayed recovery and a discussion of future research initiatives.

Judy Gargaro, Clinical Programme Evaluator and Research Coordinator

ABI Behaviour Services West Park Healthcare Centre, Toronto

Are we really listening to our clients with acquired brain injury?

The trauma lens applied to behavioural treatment

Persons who have sustained an acquired brain injury often experience the lasting effects of psychological and/or physical trauma. Without understanding behavior in the context of this trauma, service providers run the risk that persons with ABI will not engage in treatment and not achieve their potential for rehabilitation and adjustment to life after injury. Trauma-informed care is an approach to engaging people with histories of trauma.
10:45 - 11:15
Breakout Session A
Chateauneuf
Cecile Proctor, Saint John, NB - Survivor Story
*Alternative Roads to Recovery: Exploring Online Social Networks and Art Therapy*
Art therapy is a simple exercise that can be incorporated into a support group, and can be delivered very easily. Cecile shares the story of her mother's brain injury in July, 2008 and the art therapy and social media support she received.

Breakout Session B
Chaudiere 1
Dr. Jonathan M. Wareham, Belleville, ON and Ottawa, ON & Dr. Angela N Peddle, Vaughan, ON
*Looking into Vision Rehabilitation: A discussion about visual complications following TBI and the benefits of Optometric Vision Rehabilitation*

11:15 - 11:30 - Break

11:30 - 12:00
Breakout Session A
Chateauneuf
Trang Nguyen, MSc, Epidemiologist-Population Health Modelling Section, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch, Public Health Agency of Canada.

Breakout Session B
Chaudiere 1
Dr. Jennifer Paige MacDougall, Westmount, QC – Survivor Story
*Wish You Were Here*
This presentation will describe the invisible challenges Paige faces as a result of the accident, the frustrations she experiences as an invisibly disabled person, and also the incredible power that positive energy holds for healing and continuance. Being in a coma changed her life forever. Without that experience, she would not be the unique person she is today.

Breakout Session C
Chaudiere 2
Arden McGregor and Dennis Radman- Brainworks Rehab, London, ON
*Becoming a Hope-Focused Therapist in Brain Injury Rehabilitation*
Arden and Dennis will review relevant hope therapy literature, outline the components of a hopetherapy™ manual for therapists, and provide a rationale for its use in brain injury rehabilitation.

12:00 - 1:45
Salon des Nations
*ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON*

1:45 - 2:30  KEYNOTE
Salon des Nations
Jason Harps, Justin McKenna, Richard Theriault
*Breaking Barriers*
The audience will hear the experiences of an employer who took a chance on hiring someone who had suffered TBI. The story is very personal and extremely frank as it relies heavily upon the stigma’s a person faces when they have suffered a TBI, but from the stand point of someone who evaluates that person. It will relate the Justin McKenna story and what this job has done for him in his continued rehabilitation. Richard Theriault considered a complete change in his career aspirations to become Justin's Rehabilitation Aid after working with Justin and Jason and will speak about what this job has done for him in his continued rehabilitation.

2:30 - 2:45 - Nutrition and Network Break
Visit speakers in the “Speaker Spot.”

2:45 - 5:00 Workshop
Salon des Nations
Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, Ph.D., ABPP
*The greatest challenges families face after brain injury and how to overcome them.*
Every person and every family is unique. Still, after brain injury, many families face similar challenges. This presentation will identify common challenges families face and offer practical suggestions to successfully overcome challenges and barriers to recovery. Topics will include coping with loss and change, stress management, managing intense emotions, guilt and blame, taking care of one's self, and strategies for effective communication.
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<td>Sandy Shultz&lt;br&gt;&lt;i&gt;Biomarkers and treatments for concussion: from bench to field side&lt;/i&gt;&lt;br&gt;Sandy currently leads a large translational TBI research team based at the state-of-the-art Melbourne Brain Centre, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia</td>
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<td>Miriam Beauchamp, PhD-Associate Professor in developmental neuropsychology at the University of Montreal, researcher at Ste-Justine Hospital, and Adjunct Professor at McGill University (Neurology and Neurosurgery)-&lt;br&gt;&lt;i&gt;Traumatic brain injury in the preschool years: Exploring social skills after early injuries&lt;/i&gt;</td>
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Student Presentations - Group One
Chateauneuf

Concussions/brain injury in children and youth
1. Vischwa Buch
   Relationship between vestibular definite & balance in children after mild traumatic brain injury
2. Rachel Micay
   Factors affecting baseline neuropsychological performance in high school students
3. Laurie-Ann Corbin-Berrigan
   Post concussion symptoms as a marker of delayed recovery in children and youth who recently suffered a mild traumatic brain injury
4. Barbara Csenge
   Recovery from concussion in high school students: contribution of psychosocial & psychological factors

Student Presentations - Group Two
Chaudiere 1

Sports and neuroscience
1. Matthew Sanderson
   I Love Athletes for So Many Reasons: Emotionally Creative Encounters with Clinical Concussion Management
2. Sandhya Mylabathula
   Pre-injury cognitive performance and the risk of sport concussion
3. Andrew Lapointe
   “Examining the effectiveness of the quantitative electroencephalograph (QEEG) in the detection of mild traumatic brain injuries: Past and current research”.
4. Swapna Mylabathula
   Is there a relationship between BMI, Residential location and Traumatic Brain Injury in an Urban Head Injury Clinic Population?

Student Presentations - Group Three
Chaudiere 2

TBI in adults: workplace/inpatient rehab (Sponsored by CIHR Research Chair in Gender Work and Health)
1. Tatyana Mollayeva, MD, RPSGT, RST, PhD Candidate
   The aim of this talk is to discuss the three-component model – sleep, fatigue and performance; to explore how sleep and fatigue may modulate performance after TBI - a current gap in knowledge. Preliminary results of the study: “Disorders of sleep and wakefulness in Ontario workers with head injury” will be presented.
2. Niki Guerriero, BSc, MSc Candidate
   Rehabilitation service utilization and costs following a work-related traumatic brain injury: a sex-based examination of workers’ compensation claims in Victoria, Australia. This presentation will explore the patterns of health care service utilization and costs among persons with a work related TBI by sex in Victoria, Australia. Findings will broaden the international perspective of TBI, increase our understanding of allied health service utilization in this population, identify sex-differences in service use, and inform workers’ compensation policy, planning, and resource allocation.
3. Aneesha Sravanapudi, MScOT Candidate, H.B.Sc. Kin. &
   Tickalyn Martin, MScOT Candidate, H.B.Sc.
   Factors associated with return to work after occupational brain injury. This presentation will discuss findings associated with relationships between return to work status and domains of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) framework among workers following a work related TBI. Sex differences in associations between the aforementioned factors will also be discussed.
4. Vincy Chan, MPH, PhD Candidate
   Traumatic Brain injury in inpatient Rehabilitation: Sex differences in Profiles and Outcomes
   There is overall a paucity of population based rehabilitation research on TBI that considers sex differences. This presentation will explore the profile and outcome, with a specific focus on comorbid health conditions, of inpatient rehabilitation patients with a TBI diagnosis by sex from a population based perspective.
5. Adora Chui
   “Getting back to “doing” after brain injury: Therapists’ experiences of the CO-OP approach.”

12:45 - 1:30 - LUNCH
Salon des Nations

“Motivational secrets to excel every day, how to find the hero in you”
Fantastic Frank Johnson is the author of “From Flawed to Fantastic”, radio host on the Traumatic Brain Injury Network, and co-author of the song “Hero In You.”
Prepare to leave your lunch inspired to discover your hidden talents, and to embrace the hero in you!
A. Presenting Author’s: Muhib Mirza and Ryan Howes
Authors: Muhib Mirza, Ryan Howes, Dr. Emily Nalder, Yael Bar and Dr. Deirdre Dawson

Examining the Epidemiology of Work-Related Traumatic Brain Injury through a Sex/Gender Lens
The standardized nature of neuropsychological testing operates under the assumption that the participant is able to provide their best effort. If the participant is unable to invest their best effort, the accuracy of the assessment is undermined. Our poster will present data gathered from participants and their examiners, identifying factors which may have influenced the participants' level of effort invested throughout the administration of a battery of common neuropsychological tests. We will discuss the accuracy of the examiners' perspective on participants' effort and factors that influenced their performance, and propose means of accounting for these factors during test administration.

B. Presenting author: Vicky Chang and/or Angela Colantonio
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3Institute for Safety, Compensation and Recovery Research, Monash University, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
4Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
5Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

This study provides an overview of the epidemiology of work-related traumatic brain injury (wrTBI) in the state of Victoria, Australia. Specifically, we investigated sex differences in incidence, trends, demographics, injury characteristics and outcomes of wrTBI using a large administrative database of workers' compensation claims. Over an 8-year period between 2004 and 2011, more than 4,000 workers sustained a wrTBI in Victoria, 36% of which were females. Sex-based analyses revealed significant differences between male and female workers in terms of risk factors and outcomes of wrTBI. Recognition of these differences is essential for developing tailored approaches to injury prevention.

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3Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Epidemiology of Work-Related Traumatic Brain Injury: a review
Although occupational traumatic brain injury (TBI) is considered among the most serious of workplace injuries, to date there has not been a comprehensive review of the literature on the epidemiology of work-related TBI (wrTBI). This study aims to examine the burden, risk factors, and outcomes of wrTBI based on a synthesis of the literature. Following a search in electronic databases, a total of fifty-two studies were included in the review, twenty-three of which specifically examined wrTBI. This review highlights workers most at risk for wrTBI and identifies methodological issues in wrTBI studies as well as gaps requiring further research.

D. Presenting author: Wayne Khuu
Authors: Wayne Khuu, Vincy Chan, Angela Colantonio

Sex differences in comorbidities in non-traumatic brain injury inpatient rehabilitation patients.
Non-traumatic brain injury (nTBI) is defined as damage to the brain after birth from causes such as tumours, meningitis or encephalitis, oxygen deprivation, poisoning, and other causes. There is very little information on this population as a whole and, in particular, on the comorbid health conditions among nTBI patients in inpatient rehabilitation by sex. This study described the demographic, clinical, and environmental or social characteristics of patients with nTBI patients by sex using healthcare administrative data in Ontario, Canada. The results from this study have implications on the preparation of healthcare services for patients with nTBI.

E. Presenting Author: Rachel Micay
Authors: Dr Michael Hutchison, Dr Doug Richards, and Dr Paul Comper, Rachel Micay

Computerized neuropsychological (NP) ‘baseline’ testing has become commonplace in university and professional sport settings as part of the overall concussion management strategy. Recently, the baseline approach has been adopted by many high school and youth sport organizations, despite the lack of existing research on baseline NP performance in the adolescent population. This study examined the influence of factors such as grade level, concussion history, and psychological/mood disorders (i.e. ADHD, depression, anxiety, learning/reading disabilities) on baseline NP performance in a population of high school students (n=1037) using the Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics (ANAM) Sport Medicine Battery.

E. Presenter: Alex Terpstra
Authors: Alex Terpstra, Dr. Robin Green, Brenda Colella, Dr. Jennifer Tomaszcyk, Dr. Todd Girard, and Dr. Naomi Koerner

Natural history of anxiety after traumatic brain injury
This study explores the rates and predictors of self-reported anxiety among patients with a moderate-severe TBI between 2 and 24+ months post-injury. Preliminary results have shown that mean anxiety scores among patients with a moderate-severe TBI did not change significantly over time after injury. However, the frequency of self-reported anxiety scores in the moderate-severe range increased from 8% at 2 months to 19% at 24+ months post-injury. These results highlight the increasing rates of anxiety over time among patients with a moderate-severe TBI and the importance of continued emotional and psychosocial support in the long-term stages of TBI.
At the founding meeting in July 2003 in Montreal, Quebec, members from brain injury associations from coast to coast, representing survivors, their families, and professionals identified the need to create the Brain Injury Association of Canada. Our mandate is to improve the quality of life for all Canadians affected by acquired brain injury and promote its prevention. As well, BIAC is dedicated to facilitate post-trauma research, education and advocacy in partnership with national, provincial/territorial and regional associations and other stakeholders.

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Leslie Birkett and Deidre Sperry
Leslie graduated from Queen’s University and has been working as an occupational therapist for over 25 years. She began working in brain injury rehab in 1989 and has worked in acute care, in- and out-patient rehabilitation and community based care of individuals post brain injury. Deidre has been practicing as a Speech Language Pathologist for over 20 years. She graduated from Bowling Green State University and since then Dee’s practice has focused on working with people following acquired brain injury. In addition to her clinical work, since 1996 Leslie has been a Professional Associate at McMaster University in the School of OT. Dee was a member of the Expert Panel for the development of her college’s Preferred Practice Guidelines for Cognitive Communication Disorders. Dee and Leslie enjoy working together, and believe that the sum of their experience and expertise is greater than the individual parts. The focus of their collaboration is on client-centered practice and emphasizes a “Participate to Learn” approach. They thrive on situations that challenge their creativity and their knowledge of best practices. After all these years, both still really like their work and find their clients inspiring.

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Jason Harps
Jason Harps is a Property Manager based in Ottawa. As an active member of the community, it was only a matter of time before he crossed paths with Justin McKenna, who had suffered a TBI. From their initial meeting, Jason knew that he was about to embark upon a personal growth experience. He will share with you his journey and how working alongside Justin has changed the very fabric of his being.

Michael Hutchison
Michael Hutchison holds a PhD in Rehabilitation Science and specializes in sport-related concussion research in various populations ranging from adolescent students, university level students, and professional athletes. Dr. Hutchison has published and presented internationally in the area of sport concussion. Along with colleagues at the University of Toronto, Dr. Hutchison’s research has provided the scientific basis for specific prevention initiatives (i.e., Rule 48 in the NHL) as well as contributed to the growing body of evidence supporting a comprehensive, inter-professional approach for management of concussion in these unique populations.

Brian Im, MD
Brian Im, MD is the Associate Director of Brain Injury Rehabilitation at NYU/Rusk Rehabilitation where he is responsible for clinical management and program development of both the inpatient and outpatient brain injury rehabilitation program. Dr. Im is a co-investigator with the Rusk Rehabilitation TBI Model System of Care and is specifically interested in health disparities and health literacy amongst New York City’s population of individuals living with TBI.

Fantastic Frank Johnson
Fantastic Frank Johnson from Rochester, NY incurred a traumatic brain when he was trapped in a fire and carried out in a body bag. He re-learned how to walk, talk, and thrive. He turned tragedy to triumph, and as an award-winning speaker and TV guest, he is motivated to inspire millions. His compelling story “Fantastic Frank” was published in Chicken Soup for the Soul: Recovering from Traumatic Brain Injury. He is the author of “From Flawed to Fantastic”, radio host on the Traumatic Brain Injury Network, and co-author of the song “Hero in You.”

Alexandra Kelly
Alexandra Kelly, Senior Coordinator, Solutions is a senior coordinator at Parachute, a national injury prevention organization. In her six years of injury prevention work, Alex has facilitated over 50 peer leadership and public speaking sessions across Canada. She is also one of the main program developers for Parachute, working to develop comprehensive solutions that address identified needs in the injury world. Alex has her Bachelor of Arts in Health studies from Queen’s University, as well as a Master’s of Science, in Public Health, from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, Ph.D., ABPP
Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, Ph.D., ABPP is a Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Medical College of Virginia Campus. He serves as Director of Virginia’s federally designated Traumatic Brain Injury Model System and coordinates VCU Health System outpatient services for families and persons with brain injury. A founding member of the Brain Injury Association of Virginia, Dr. Kreutzer is a neuropsychologist and family therapist with nearly three decades experience developing, providing, and evaluating brain injury services. He has published more than 160 peer reviewed papers and is the primary developer of the Brain Injury Family Intervention, an empirically based education, skill building, and psychotherapeutic program for families. Dr. Kreutzer is the Editor-in-Chief of the recently published Encyclopedia of Clinical Neuropsychology, and in 2010 he received the Distinguished Lifetime Contribution to Neuropsychology Award from the National Academy of Neuropsychology. In September 2013 he received the North American Brain Injury Society’s Award for Innovations in Treatment.

Jennifer Kuchinka-Estevan
Jennifer Kuchinka was born on March 14, 1982. She attended University of Regina, after graduating from high school. She became a teacher in 2004, got married, and spent some time travelling. In 2010 after giving birth to her daughter, Jennifer suffered from postpartum psychosis and as a result was hit by a semi after she ran out onto the highway. Jennifer has learned how to live with a brain injury ever since.

Dr. Suresh Kumar
Suresh Kumar MD is a practicing neurologist in Shreveport Louisiana. He is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology. After finishing his bachelors degree in Medicine from India, he did his residency training in Neurology from the Louisiana State University and is licensed to practice in the states of Louisiana and Texas. His practice focuses on general neurology, headache and rehabilitation of mild traumatic brain injury and post-concussion syndromes. He is a member of the American Headache Society as well as American Academy of Neurology. He is a visiting lecturer at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport, Louisiana and is actively involved in research in the field of migraines, management of headache, diagnosis and management of mild traumatic brain injury and post-concussion syndrome.

Andrew Lapointe
Andrew Lapointe is a MSc candidate in Human Development at Laurentian University with an undergraduate degree in Behavioural Neuroscience. His background includes research in sleep, animal research, biostatistics, neuroanatomy and quantitative electroencephalograph. In his spare time he enjoys maintaining his neuroanatomical website and aspires to continue his work at the doctoral level. His knowledge and expertise in the field of computer science have allowed him to automate statistical analyses in the field of QEEG which were previously ignored due to the extensive time commitment required. Lapointe has also won awards for his presentations at Research Week and Human Kinetics conferences at Laurentian University earlier this year.
Jeff Latimer
Jeff Latimer is the Director of the Platforms and Major Initiatives Branch at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, where he manages large-scale strategic investments including the Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR), the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA), the HIV/AIDS Research Initiative and the Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network (DSEN). He holds a PhD in Criminology from the University of Ottawa, with a strong focus on the connections between the justice and health systems, and a Master of Social Work from McGill University. Jeff has spent the last twenty years as a researcher, statistician and executive in the federal government. Previously, he was the Director of the Health Statistics Division at Statistics Canada where he managed Canada’s national health statistics program, including the Canadian Community Health Survey, the Canadian Health Measures Survey and the Canadian Cancer Registry.

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Dr. Joanny Liu
Dr. Joanny Liu, Calgary, AB is the author of “Knock OUT Concussions!” and the forthcoming book, “Conquer Stress and Injury: The Elite Athlete’s Guide to a Long Successful Sports Career”. She is the founder of Harmoni Health where she delivers Extraordinary Sports Medicine for Extraordinary Results by helping people understand how stress weakens the body and specializing in healing professional and amateur athletes using aggressive non-traditional methods based on Chinese medicine and Chinese psychology to rewire the brain. She became interested in concussions when her son went blind as a result of a concussion. She has appeared on NBC and FOX TV.

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Arden McGregor, MA, CPsychAssoc, CBIST
Arden has been working full time in brain injury rehabilitation since 1991. She has been licensed for independent practice with the College of Psychologists of Ontario since 1996, initially as a registered psychological associate, and more recently as a registered psychologist. She has been a Certified Brain Injury Specialist and Trainer since 2002. She founded Brainworks in 2003, where she continues to serve both as a psychologist and as Executive Director. She was named the Ontario Brain Injury Association’s Professional of the Year in 2014. Her lifelong interest in hope has culminated in the development of hope therapy™.

Robert McMechan
Robert McMechan is a tax lawyer in Ottawa. He obtained a Ph.D. in tax law from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University in 2012. Robert is an author of nationally and internationally recognized tax publications, and has been a tax instructor for 20 years for the Canadian Bar Association. Robert is a avid runner, having completed 25 marathons, and organizes a Canada-U.S. team that competes in 24 hour relays in Canada and the U.S. He is also a cyclist and swimmer, and has completed the Ironman in Penticton, B.C. Robert co-authored the forthcoming publication “Allison’s Brain” with his wife Allison.

Rachel Micay
Rachel Micay is a third year undergraduate student at the University of Toronto, studying in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education. Her research interests are in the realm of sports medicine, particularly concussion management. Her faculty supervisors include Drs. Michael Hutchison, Doug Richards, and Paul Comper. Additionally, she is a researcher in the Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention and Biomechanics Lab at the University of Toronto. Rachel is also a varsity figure skater, and competes in the Ontario University Athletics circuit.

Tatyana Mollayeva
Dr. Tatyana Mollayeva has been involved in the field of acquired brain injury since 2010 when she began her PhD studies in Rehabilitation Science and Neuroscience at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Professor Angela Colantonio. She obtained her medical degree from Moscow Medical Academy and did her epidemiology residency in Turkmen State Medical University. She has been involved in the field of sleep medicine since 2004 working at the Toronto Western Hospital. Her research interests focus on epidemiology and the significance of sleep disorders after brain injury.
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Matthew Sanderson
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Lee Tasker  
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Richard Theriault  
Richard Theriault went from from an average Joe, moderately motivated individual to a “can’t stop won’t stop driven” goal oriented man on the path to success. He will share how his relationship with Jason Harps and especially Justin McKenna has played a huge role in the process of his mental and physical transformation.

Ronald Wall, PhD, MBA, MASc, PEng  
Dr. Ronald Wall, PhD, MBA, MASc, PEng, is the acting manager of and the senior computational epidemiologist for the Population Health Modelling Section of the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch in Public Health Agency of Canada. Dr. Wall has over 30 years of expertise in the application of systems thinking, modelling, and simulation to advance the health of Canadians as a professional engineer (environmental) working in the context of health systems management and public health services research.

Jonathan M. Wareham, MSc, O.D  
Jonathan M. Wareham M.Sc. O.D has a Masters in Neuroscience from the University of Western Ontario where he studied binocular vision and perception. He obtained his Doctor of Optometry from the University of Waterloo School of Optometry. He has completed extensive postgraduate course work in the field of vision rehabilitation and vision therapy. He is currently working in private practice in Belleville and Ottawa, Ontario.

Lee Tasker  
Dr. Lee Tasker, Calgary, AB has a degree in Kinesiology (R. Kin.), a Masters in Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, and a PhD in an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program. She has over 25 years’ experience in rehabilitation. Populations include neurotrauma, orthopaedic injury, developmental delay, and HIV/AIDS. She owns Lee Tasker Counselling Inc. to provide vocational rehabilitation and future care planning services. She lectures regularly on disability matters and provides expert opinion to claimants, insurers, and justice systems. Dr. Tasker also has an adult child with Down Syndrome. Through her research, work, and life experience, she is making a difference for individuals with a disability.

Madeleine Welton  
Madeleine Welton, Mississauga, ON survived a Traumatic Brain Injury 20 years ago. She is a wife and mother who watched her two babies grow up while she recovered. Madeleine is a University Graduate who also has a college diploma in business and numerous continuing education courses and personnel training certification. Madeleine currently works as a Decorator of the Interior Selections for her husband's development business. Madeleine did volunteer work for her son's sports teams and for brain injury organizations. She was a director of The Brain Injury Association of Canada for four years, serving on the fundraising committee and conference committee.

Catherine Wiseman Hakes  
Catherine Wiseman-Hakes Ph.D., is a post-doctoral fellow in the Bloorview Research Institute at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Toronto and her research is supported by CIHR, Sleep and Biological Rhythms Toronto. As a clinical neuroscientist and speech language pathologist, she is dedicated to furthering our understanding of the complex factors underlying cognitive and communication impairments following traumatic brain injury, and in developing evidence based practice guidelines and intervention programs to optimize outcomes and participation. She has 14 published articles, is co-author of a textbook and is actively involved in teaching and student supervision at the University of Toronto.

Allison Woyiwada  
Allison Woyiwada, Ottawa, ON had a 28 year career as a music teacher in Ottawa. She has been a performer and director for over 30 years, and has written 14 children's musicals. Allison has received the Whitton Award (1993), Arts Advisory Award for Innovative Programming in the Arts (1997), Community Builder Award (2000), Hospewell School Music and Drama Award (2006), Capital Critics Circle Award as Best Director (community) (2006-2007) and a Lifetime Achievement Award from Hospewell School students (2008). A wing of the Hospewell School has been dedicated to Allison, and the "Allison Woyiwada Music Award" is presented annually to students.
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