Women and Brain Injury - Half Day Symposium

Brain Injury Canada will hold its first ever Gender Symposium with internationally recognized speakers, service providers and researchers examining the latest research relevant to advancing practice particularly among vulnerable populations.

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is associated with permanent cognitive, physical, psychological, and social dysfunction and carries major personal and economic repercussions, yet historically, lack of knowledge has led to widespread misdiagnosis and inadequate treatment. It is estimated that 30% of reported cases of TBI occur among women, but little research exists exploring their healthcare experiences and psychosocial outcomes, despite evidence identifying significant sex and gender differences in outcomes. This lack of gendered information seriously inhibits diagnosis and appropriate intervention across the care continuum, affects the development and provision of appropriate healthcare services, and leaves women vulnerable to poor psychosocial outcomes and ongoing challenges such as increased rates of mental illness, disability, substance use, unemployment, and poverty.

The purpose of this half day symposium is to raise awareness around the need for gendered TBI research, increase understanding of specific challenges and areas of concern for brain injured women and girls, and provide current research results in a variety of focus areas relevant to healthcare professionals, researchers, service users and persons with lived experience. A panel of speakers, including representatives from the healthcare and knowledge communities along with women living with brain injury, will address biological, psychological, and social concerns across a range of contexts, providing valuable insight into the health needs and lived experiences of brain injured women and girls, enabling a wide range of care practitioners to effectively respond to this disadvantaged population. Our goal is to contribute to brain injury research and healthcare by providing invaluable gender-sensitive knowledge and key information for setting research and healthcare agendas.

To book your place you must register for the conference on the 29th Sept - click here for details
Women and Brain Injury
Inaugural Gender Symposium

SPEAKER LIST & GENERAL TOPICS

Moderator: Dr. Angela Colantonio, CIHR
Research Chair in Gender Work and Health, Director,
Rehabilitation Sciences Institute, University of Toronto

Katherine Snedaker, LCSW, Executive Director,
Pink Concussions: The Invisible Population Within the Invisible Injury

Reema Shafi, BSc.OT, M.A. Psych, University of Toronto:
Sex differences in the brain and neuroimaging

Dr. Jocelyn Harris, Assistant Professor,
McMaster University: Mental health challenges among women with TBI

Dr. Emily Nalder, Assistant Professor,
University of Toronto: Community Integration for brain injured women

Dr. Tatyana Mollayeva, University of Toronto:
Traumatic brain injury due to assault at the Ontario workplace

Vanessa Amodio, M.Sc. OT,
Heather Bruch, M.Sc.OT. University of Toronto:
Using the narratives of Ontarians with a work-related traumatic brain injury to inform injury prevention: A mixed methods approach.

Nneka MacGregor, LL.B, Executive Director,
Women at the Centre: Strangulation and brain injury in women


Halina (Lin) Haag, MSW, RSW, Wilfrid Laurier University: TBI in women survivors of domestic violence

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