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Catastrophic Impairment: A Look into the Future

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About the Conference

Conference Goals

This conference is designed to:

- Provide information on the unique advocacy required for proving the spinal cord injury case
- Provide information on the latest developments for spinal cord injury rehabilitation
- Provide a forum for discussion of models of care and treatment strategies
- Enhance the funding available to Toronto Western Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital

Who Should Attend

This conference will be of special interest to life care planners, social workers, discharge planners, occupational therapists and other health care professionals who advise and advocate on behalf of seriously injured patients of all ages in acute care and rehabilitation settings.

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 or association for further information.

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Agenda



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8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:50 Welcome and Introductions

9:00 The Implications of SCI Research in Life Care Planning
Dr. Cathy Craven

9:30 Evolving Approaches to the Management of Post Traumatic Arthritis
Dr. Dan Whelan

10:00 Robotics: The Way of the Future
Dr. John Murnaghan

10:30 Break

11:00 Traumatic Brain Injuries: What is Current and What is New?
Dr. Manohar Shroff and Dr. Yin-Hui Siow

11:30 Stem Cell Advances
Dr. Michel Rathbone

12:00 Home Lab: Advanced Technologies to Help Caregivers
Dr. Geoff Fernie

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Everything you need to know about Catastrophic Impairment/New Definitions
*James Vigmond,
Leonard Kunka, Patrick Brown*

2:00 Life Care Planning and Case Management
Debra Berens

2:45 Panel: Future Care Reports
*Justice Darla Wilson,
Justice Sue Healey, Roger Oatley,
John McLeish, Wendy Moore Mandel*

3:15 Panel: Situational Assessments
*Judy Quance, Amanda Westbrook,
Vittoria Spadafora-Maisuria,
Dale Orlando*

3:45 Ask the Speakers - Q & A Period

4:30 Cocktail Reception

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

About the Faculty

DEBRA E. BERENS is a certified life care planner, case manager, and rehabilitation counselor. Since 1989 she has had a nationwide practice specializing in life care planning, rehabilitation and has consulted in cases on adults and children with catastrophic injuries and disabilities.

PATRICK BROWN is a partner at McLeish Orlando LLP and has been practicing personal injury in Toronto for over 20 years. In 2012 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association and is their Past President.

DR. CATHARINE CRAVEN is a Physiatrist within the Brain and Spinal Cord program and a Scientist within the Neural Engineering and Therapeutics team at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute - University Health Network. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine & the Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto.

DR. GEOFF FERNIE has a primary appointment at the University of Toronto as Professor in the Department of Surgery. Additionally, he is a professional engineer and Institute Director for research at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute-UHN. Dr Fernie is recognized as a world leader in the application of engineering to create solutions for problems commonly encountered by people with disabilities.

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE SUSAN HEALEY is a graduate of University of Toronto and University of Western Ontario, and was called to the bar in 1993. She practiced at the Barrie law firm of Stewart, Esten for 16 years prior to her appointment to the bench in June 2009.

LEONARD H. KUNKA has been a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 1985. Leonard's peers have identified Leonard as a leading practitioner in the area of Personal Injury Litigation, and he has therefore gained the distinction of being listed in The Best Lawyers in Canada publication.

VITTORIA SPADAFORA-MAISURIA is a registered Occupational Therapist. For 19 years, Vittoria's area of practice has focused on

assessment and treatment of individuals having sustained catastrophic and traumatic injuries to improve their productivity in activities of daily living.

WENDY MOORE MANDEL is a partner at Thomson, Rogers and her practice is exclusively personal injury and medical malpractice cases, acting on behalf of seriously injured people and their families.

JOHN MCLEISH's practice and that of his firm, McLeish Orlando, is dedicated exclusively to representing individuals who have suffered serious personal injuries, including traumatic brain injuries and spinal cord injuries, as well as representing family members in wrongful death cases.

DR. JOHN MURNAGHAN is an Orthopaedic Surgeon and Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Toronto. He joined the staff at The Wellesley Hospital in Toronto in 1990 and became the surgical consultant to the Sunnybrook Centre for Independent Living in 2000.

ROGER G. OATLEY has over 30 years' experience as a plaintiff's personal injury lawyer, and restricts his practice to serious orthopedic injuries, neurotrauma, medical malpractice and fatalities. A partner at Oatley, Vigmond, Roger is supported by a team of nine lawyers and about 35 lay staff.

DALE ORLANDO is one of the founding partners in McLeish Orlando LLP and practices exclusively in the area of plaintiff's personal injury litigation. McLeish Orlando LLP was recently recognized by Canadian Lawyer magazine as one of Canada's top 5 personal injury law firms.

JUDY QUANCE has spent over 15 years working in health, human services and social services sectors supporting individuals with: dual-diagnoses; acquired brain injury (ABI)/ traumatic brain injury (TBI); and, behavioral and mental health issues. Since joining Bartimaues, Inc., Judy has coordinated rehabilitation services for ABI survivors for the past 10 years.

DR. MICHEL RATHBONE is a neurologist and neuroscientist. As a tenured full professor in the Department of Medicine (Division of

Neurology) at McMaster University he has treated well over 15,000 patients with various neurological problems and over 3,000 who have had neurological trauma.

DR. MANOHAR (MANU) SHROFF is currently the Radiologist-in-Chief in the Department of Diagnostic Imaging at the Hospital for Sick Children and is a Professor in the Department of Medical Imaging, University of Toronto.

DR. YIN HUI SIOW is a dual certified radiologist and nuclear medicine physician. For the past 14 years, Dr. Siow has been Director of Nuclear Medicine at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket and was previously Chief of the Department of Diagnostic Imaging.

AMANDA WESTBROOK has been practicing Occupational Therapy in Ontario's Auto Insurance Industry for 8 years. Her current practice includes working primarily with individuals who have sustained a traumatic brain injury, have psychological impairments, and orthopaedic injuries.

DR. DANIEL B. WHELAN is an orthopaedic surgeon and scientist on the staff of St. Michael's Hospital. His clinical interests are primarily in arthroscopic surgery and sports medicine. Within that field, he has a special interest in the assessment and management of primary shoulder dislocations, hip arthroscopy, as well as multiligament knee injuries and reconstruction.

THE HONOURABLE MADAM JUSTICE DARLA WILSON was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto in 2007. She is a fervent advocate of continuing legal education and gives generously of her time at numerous trial advocacy programs and courses.

JAMES L. VIGMOND is the former president of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, and continues to be a leading figure of Ontario's personal injury trial bar. At Oatley, Vigmond, Jim leads a team of lawyers and support staff with broad expertise in spinal cord, brain injury and serious orthopedic cases.

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