Join us for the 2018 Brain Injury Conference: Management and Treatment Issues presented by CHI St. Vincent, Arkansas Trauma Rehabilitation Program, and NeuroRestorative Timber Ridge.

Conference Program
This conference will provide the audience with current information regarding disorders of consciousness, mild brain injury, lesion site and associated deficits, discharge planning and use of technology for communication.

Participants will receive 6 continuing education units or contact hours, pending approval.

Registration
Registration fee: $55
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Conflict of Interest Statement
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The Art and Science of Distinguishing Disorders of Consciousness
This presentation will define disorders of consciousness, differentiate criteria of DOC, coma, vegetative and minimally consciousness. Serial neurobehavioral testing tools for DOC, how to assess and provide clinical management of potential medical issues in this client population will be discussed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
1. Participants will be able to define Disorders of Consciousness
2. Participants will be able to state how to test and properly assess the three stages of DOC
3. Participants will be able to describe how to clinically manage patients with DOC

Dr. Deborah Benson is a New York State licensed management strategies to promote positive outcomes.

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Challenges, Strategies and Outcomes
This presentation will address common characteristics and challenges associated with diagnosis and treatment of patients with mild brain injury and include evidence-based management strategies to promote positive outcomes.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
1. Participants will be able to describe common physical, cognitive and emotional symptoms reported following mild TBI
2. Participants will be able to identify evidence-based diagnosis and treatment options for mild TBI survivors
3. Participants will be able to state factors that influence outcomes following mild TBI

Ginger Nemenz, RN, BSN, CBIS, CCM, graduated from Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis with her BSN. Ginger began her nursing career as a labor and delivery nurse in Memphis and transitioned to emergency department in 2003. She took the position of charge nurse and patient care coordinator of the 21 bed unit until making a career change to admission liaison for HealthSouth Rehab in Memphis. In 2010 Ginger accepted the position as a Case Manager for the admissions department at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia. She covers six states evaluating patients for potential admission to Shepherd. Ginger speaks at multiple hospitals and conferences across the country about brain injury and spinal cord injury.

Brain Injury Lesion Site Vs. Deficits
This presentation summarizes guidelines for management of patient with severe TBI with review of cerebrovascular physiology that forms the basis of therapeutic strategies in TBI.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
1. Participants will be able to describe cerebrovascular physiology
2. Participants will be able to discuss pathophysiology of severe TBI
3. Participants will be able to discuss acute management of severe TBI

Leonides Bermejo, MD is a neurologist at CH St. Vincent Hot Springs. She received her medical degree from University of East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Center and completed her Neurology Residency at Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center. Prior to becoming a physician, Dr. Bermejo was a Physical Therapist for 10 years working in a variety of settings including inpatient rehab. She holds board certification from American Board of Psychiatry Neurology.

Discharge Planning for the Complex Brain Injured Patient and Family
This session will provide an overview of discharge planning from acute rehabilitation to home and community.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
1. Participants will be able to describe the complexities of discharging the brain injured patient and family
2. Participants will be able to report the process of identifying resources available in the community to the patient and family
3. Participants will be able to evaluate the discharge readiness of the family to support the brain injured patient

Avery LaFluer, MSW, has been a part of the Craig Hospital family since 2004. After completing his undergraduate degrees at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA, Avery went on to get his Master’s degree in Social Work at the University of Denver. Graduate School of Social Work, Denver, CO where his emphasis was in Medical Social Work as well as Individual, Family and Group Counseling. He is also a guest professor for the University of Phoenix. Avery provides educational classes at Craig Hospital in the areas of Sexuality and Romance, Discharge Planning and Social Skills.

Explore Your Options: Technology Solutions for Communication Following Brain Injury
This presentation will focus on the consideration process and application of assistive technology for communication across various levels of recovery following brain injury. A variety of technology options will be discussed, including low to high tech solutions for children and adults with cognitive-communicative impairment.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
1. Participants will be able to identify a systematic framework to assist therapists, educators, clients and families with determining an appropriate feature match of assistive technology with the identified needs of individuals with brain injuries
2. Participants will be able to state two low-tech communication options to assist individuals with brain injury
3. Participants will be able to identify two high-tech communication options (including iPad applications) to assist individuals with brain injury

Jeff Adams, Ed.D., CCC-SLP CBIS is a speech-language pathology consultant and training coordinator with the East Central Arkansas Outreach Program. His 20-year work experience includes the provision of speech-language pathology services to children and adults with brain injury, cerebral palsy, autism and genetic syndromes in school and rehabilitation settings. Jeff is also an adjunct instructor in the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences.

Application of Assistive Technology for Communication Across Various Levels of Recovery Following Brain Injury
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