

PRESENTERS

Vicki Eicher, MSW is director of quality management and training for ReMed. She is responsible for developing training, quality assessment and outcome systems along with ensuring ReMed's ongoing compliance with accreditation and licensure requirements. Ms. Eicher has worked in the field of brain injury rehabilitation for the past 25 years as a social worker, staff trainer and quality management specialist.

Sally Kneipp, Ph.D., LPC, LRC, CRC is a licensed psychologist in Pennsylvania and a licensed professional counselor and rehabilitation counselor in New Jersey. In 1981 she founded the Community Skills Program, a private, nonresidential community re-entry program for persons with brain injuries. She is a former member of the Keystone State Head Injury Foundation and the Board of Trustees of the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, Inc. In 2007 she received the Pioneer Award from the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania, Inc. She is also a past chair of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group.

Ann Marie McLaughlin, Ph.D. is licensed in PA as a psychologist and also has a school psychologist certification. Since 2001, she has been the clinical director of community outpatient services for ReMed. She still maintains a private practice and a lengthy affiliation with Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital where she served as the manager of the brain injury program. She has made numerous presentations on brain injury topics and has authored articles that have been published in professional journals. She presently serves as the co-chair of the Task Force on Community-based Treatment of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group.

Scott Peters, MSA, OTR/L is clinical director of the Short Term Residential System of ReMed, a continuum of neurorehabilitation programs in Pennsylvania. Mr. Peters has been involved in the field of brain injury rehabilitation for more than 25 years. He is a member of the Brain Injury Association, Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association and American Occupational Therapy Association. He has written numerous articles and is a frequent lecturer on many topics dealing with community-based neurorehabilitation, including substance abuse.

Susan Martin White, MA, PT is licensed as a physical therapist in Pennsylvania and California. She has had an NDT Certification in Adult Hemiplegia since 1985 and a Certification in Vestibular Therapy since 1999. She has been employed by ReMed since 1986 and among her many staff training responsibilities, developed a multidisciplinary approach to treatment of vestibular dysfunction in patients with mild traumatic brain injury. She authored an article on Assessing Vestibular Dysfunction that was published in Care Management in June 2001.

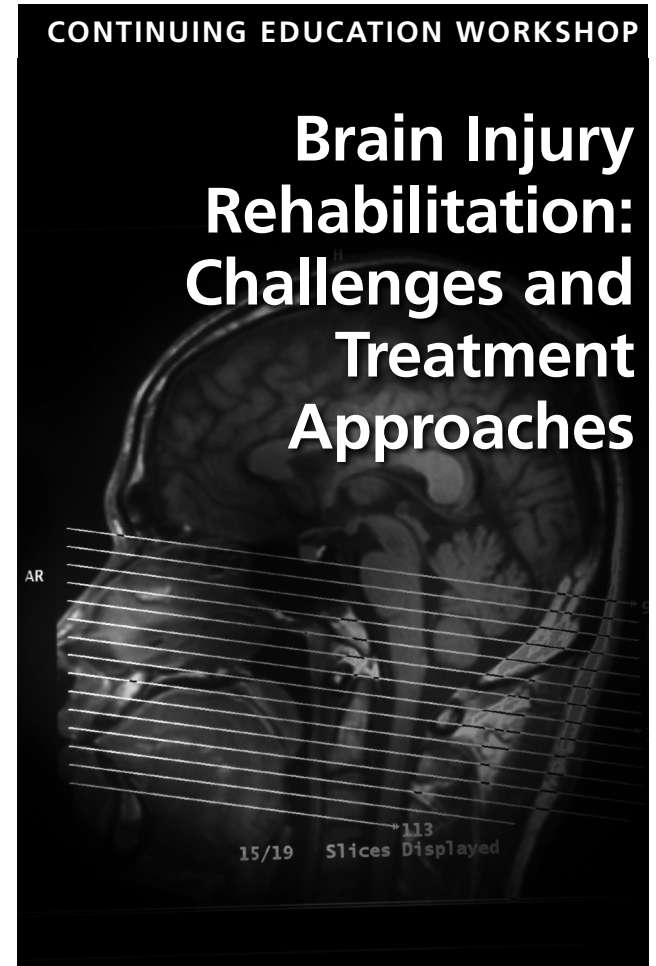
CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

Coatesville VA employees will be provided certificates of attendance through their employer which is an approved provider of continuing education for psychologists, nurses, and social workers. For all others interested in receiving continuing education hours this seminar has been approved for 6 continuing education hours. Accredited schools of social work are pre approved providers of continuing education by the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors. Temple University School of Social Administration is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Certificates of attendance documenting continuing education hours will be issued by Temple University Harrisburg.



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Brain injuries are becoming increasingly more common with changes in modern warfare. In fact, traumatic brain injury has been labeled the "signature wound" of modern warfare. Because the disability is a "silent" one, meaning you can't see the injury to the brain, returning combat veterans and their families may not even know they have sustained such an injury. Traumatic brain injury is an increasingly important health issue in both military and civilian life.

This seminar is for helping professionals who are seeking ways to assist those with traumatic brain injuries by increasing their understanding of this type of injury and effective treatment approaches.

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the common neurobehavioral changes following brain injury and behavioral approaches to assessment, treatment and team-based interventions
2. Identify the psychological and psychosocial consequences for the brain injury survivor and his/her family members and ways to facilitate adjustment processes
3. Define cognitive rehabilitation therapy and its role in post acute brain injury rehabilitation
4. Identify variables that contribute to vestibular dysfunction and treatment methods
5. Summarize the barriers to returning to work and the strategies to enhance employability and placeability
6. Describe a collaborative data collection and outcomes measurement project sponsored by the Head Injury Committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities

LOCATION

The seminar will be held at the Coatesville VA Medical Center Building #5 in the Great Hall on the first floor. The Coatesville VA Medical Center Building is located at 1400 Black Horse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320. (610) 384-7711.

REGISTRATION

This seminar is free to Coatesville VA Employees. For all others the cost is \$20 which includes the continuing education certificate processing fee payable to Temple University. Credit card payments are accepted and may be made by phone, fax or mail. Pre-registration will be required, because seating is limited. Please use the attached registration form.

For registration questions, please contact Tia Gilbert-Beverly toll free at 1-866-769-1860 or e-mail: tia@temple.edu. For program questions, please contact Lynn Notestine at lynn.notestine@temple.edu.

Please mail completed registration form to:
Tia Gilbert-Beverly
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234 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17101

You may also fax the completed registration form to: (717) 221-1634.

AGENDA

- 8 to 8:15: Check in and continental breakfast
8:15 to 9: Coatesville VA Polytrauma/TBI team introductions & overview
9 to 9:15: Introductions & overview of seminar
Sally Kneipp, Ph.D
9:15-10:30: Understanding Brain Injury and Neurobehavioral Changes: Behavioral Approaches-*Scott Peters, MSA, OTR/L*
Break
10:30-10:40: The Challenges of Brain Injury:
10:40-11:45: Identity and Reattachment Issues for the Survivor and Family
Ann Marie McLaughlin, Ph.D
11:45-12:45: Lunch on your own
12:45-1:30 : The Practice of Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy-*Sally Kneipp, Ph.D*
1:30-2:15 : Vestibular Dysfunction, Cervicogenic Dizziness and Sensory Processing Issues-*Susan Martin White, MA, PT*
Break
2:15-2:25: Return to Work Issues: Approaches and Outcomes-*Sally Kneipp, Ph.D*
2:25-3:15: Measuring and Monitoring Functional Changes After Brain Injury-*Vicki Eicher, MSW*
3:15-3:45: Wrap-Up and Evaluations-
3:45-4: *Vicki Eicher, MSW*

Registration Form

"Brain Injury Rehabilitation:
Challenges and Treatment Approaches"

Please print clearly

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