

5th Annual Statewide Conference
**Acquired / Traumatic Brain Injury:
Resources & Pathways to Brain Injury Recovery**



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California Endowment Center



**BRAIN INJURY
ASSOCIATION**
OF CALIFORNIA

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



**The California Endowment – Los Angeles Conference Center
1000 N. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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| 7:30 – 8:00 am | Set up time for conference / vendors |
| 8:00 – 8:30 am | Registration & Continental Breakfast / Exhibits FOYER / BREEZEWAY |
| 8:30 – 8:45 am | Welcome Comments by Sharon Grandinette, Conference Chairperson YOSEMITE HALL |
| 8:45 – 10:10 am | Keynote Speaker: Eric Spier, M.D., Psychiatrist and Sarah A. Adleman – Reverse Engineering the Injured Brain to Find a New Way Forward: A Balance Between Yoga and Medication YOSEMITE HALL |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | BREAK/EXHIBITS |

10:30 – 11:40 am BREAKOUT SESSION 1 – PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

SESSION A – MOJAVE ROOM

Medication Management after TBI *Derek Ott, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, David Geffen School of Medicine/UCLA*

SESSION B – CATALINA ROOM

Anger Management, Coping Skills and Behavior Strategies to Address Frustration after Brain Injury *Dixie Eastridge, Clinical Director/Behavior Analyst; Learning Services*

SESSION C – CABRILLO ROOM

Cognitive Fatigue after TBI as a Challenge to College Success *Dan Smee, MSW, Program Manager: The Salvation Army-Haven*

SESSION D – JOSHUA TREE ROOM

Video Modeling: Using Video and ABA to Retrain Skills after ABI *Maria Gilmour, Ph.D., BCBA, Wynne Solutions*

11:40 – 12:50 pm BREAKOUT SESSION 2 – PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

SESSION A – CABRILLO ROOM

Understanding and Treating Neuroendocrine Issues after TBI *Lisa Kreber, Ph.D., Neuroscientist*

SESSION B – MOJAVE ROOM

Why Do I Need a Neurologist AND a Psychiatrist after Brain Injury *Topher Stephenson, M.D., Doctor of Rehabilitation Medicine*

SESSION C – JOSHUA TREE ROOM

Turning a Deficit into an Asset: Personal Empowerment and Lifelong Rehabilitation after Brain Injury *Arnold Mark Christiansen, MS, MFT, BI Survivor; Roger Light, Ph.D., ABPP/Cn*

SESSION D – CATALINA ROOM

Concussion Truths and Myths *Andrew Skalsky, MD, Division Chief of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine: San Diego Rady Children's Hospital*

12:50 – 1:55 pm LUNCH / EXHIBITS: COURTYARD / BREEZEWAY

**1:55 – 2:25 pm BIACAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING / AWARDS PRESENTATION
YOSEMITE HALL**

2:25 – 3:35 pm BREAKOUT SESSION 3 – PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

SESSION A – CATALINA ROOM

Memory Rehabilitation Following Traumatic Brain Injury: Current and Potential Interventions

Matthew J. Wright, Ph.D., Director of Neuropsychology/Assistant Professor – Harbor UCLA

SESSION B – JOSHUA TREE ROOM

The BRAIN Initiative: Mapping the Path to a Cure *Ralph J. Greenspan, Ph.D., Director – Center for Brain mapping Activity – Kavli Institute, UCSD*

SESSION C – CABRILLO ROOM

Discharge Planning: Where to Next? *Barbara Greenfield, RN, BSN, CCM, CNCLP; BG Nurse Consultants*

SESSION D – MOJAVE ROOM

Preparing for College After Brain Injury *Sandra E. Burnett, MA, OTR/L, MFT/L-Compliance Officer/Professor, Santa Monica College
Christine Tunstall – SLP, Instructor: Mt. San Antonio College*

3:35 – 3:50 pm BREAK / EXHIBITS

3:50 – 5:00 pm BREAKOUT SESSION 4 – PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

SESSION A – CABRILLO ROOM

Family Caregiver Support Group *Claudia Ellano-Ota, LCSW, Executive Director
Karin Little, MSW, Family Consultant/Education Coordinator – St. Jude Brain Injury Network/Orange Caregiver Resource Center, Fullerton, California*

SESSION B – MOJAVE ROOM

The Why, When, What: Everyday Strategies for Success after Brain Injury *Cynthia Pahr, M.Ed., CBIST, Brain Injury Services Coordinator: SDUSD*

SESSION C – CATALINA ROOM

Google Glasses, Wearable Technology and other Emerging Technology Tools for Brain Injury *Andy E. Lin, MS: Technology Specialist – Center for Applied Rehabilitation Technology – Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center*

5:00 pm END OF CONFERENCE – Exhibitors & Attendees Must Exit Facility by 5:30 pm

An unstaffed relaxation / caregiving room will be available all day in the Sequoia Room