



# ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

## Clinical Continuing Education Series

### Seizure Disorders: Classification, Treatment and Neurobehavioral Aspects

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:00 am – 1:15 pm

**Cost:** \$75 BIA-MA Members, \$95 Non-members

**Registration:** [www.biama.org/abittraining](http://www.biama.org/abittraining)

**Format:** This is a virtual, online program, hosted via Zoom

#### Description of Training:

This training has been designed to provide participants with an overview of seizures and epileptic syndromes, their treatment, and associated neurobehavioral manifestations. The new classification system issued in 2017 by the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE), the world's primary scientific organization devoted to the study of epilepsy, will be reviewed.

#### Learning Objectives - Upon completion of this training participants will be able to:

- Describe the various types of seizures, including focal (motor and non-motor) and generalized (e.g., absence, tonic-clonic), as well as epileptic syndromes (e.g. Lennox-Gastaut).
- List the commonly prescribed anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs), as well as their possible side effects and interactions with other medications (e.g., contraceptives).
- Identify the ictal, peri-ictal and interictal neurobehavioral manifestations associated with seizure disorders.
- Describe the neurological and neurocognitive sequelae related to seizure disorders (e.g., head trauma, anoxia secondary to status epilepticus).

#### Faculty:

**Siobhan McKay, RN** has been a nurse working in the field of supporting individuals with disabilities for over ten years. Upon graduating with a BA in Psychology from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH she worked for the Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council in both NH and VT cultivating and educating an adult volunteer base, as well as creating fun and educational programs for girls of all ages and abilities. After completing her nursing degree at Catherine Laboure College in Boston, MA she worked on the cardiac floor at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH. Here she was involved in the care of both cardiac surgical patients as well as electrophysiology patients. She enjoyed empowering and educating patients to take charge of their own health care. Siobhan became involved in the field of developmental disabilities through her work with a residential provider agency near Boston, MA. Here she provided nursing consultation and case management for over 80 residents.



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While at Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Siobhan has fulfilled the role of Area Nurse for the Plymouth Area Office. Her responsibilities include reviewing all hospitalizations and outcomes that occur in the area office, acting as a liaison between the Area Office and community medical providers and hospitals for individuals with complex medical issues, and educating direct care staff, service coordinators, family members and other nurses. Siobhan is a member of the Plymouth Area Risk Management Team and the Regional Ethics Committee. She is also a Health Literacy committee member and a Steering committee member with South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (CHNA 23).

**Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D.** is a senior level clinician with over 47 years experience in the field of clinical neuropsychology, and has held clinical supervisory positions within the continuum of programs serving adults and children with both acquired and congenital neurological conditions, including acute trauma care, interdisciplinary rehabilitation, neurobehavioral/psychiatric treatment and community-based, post-acute care. From 1985 to 2013, Dr. LaVecchia served as Chief Neuropsychologist for the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). In that capacity she was instrumental in the development of clinically-informed, community-based services for individuals with acquired brain injury, including the Massachusetts Statewide Head Injury Program (SHIP), the first publicly-funded agency in the United States, established to meet the needs of persons who have sustained traumatic brain injuries and their families.

With respect to her faculty appointments, Dr. LaVecchia served as Assistant Professor of Anatomy and Cellular Biology at Tufts University School of Medicine, where she was a member of the medical neurosciences teaching faculty for 25 years. She is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, where she has been a member of the Behavioral Neuroscience doctoral program Core Faculty since 1983.

### **Who Should Attend:**

Audiologists, Case Managers, Certified Brain Injury Specialists, Certified Brain Injury Trainers, Family Counselors, Mental Health Clinicians, Neuropsychologists, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Psychologists, Rehabilitation Counselors, Social Workers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Program Directors/Managers of residential, day and other programs that serve persons with ABI.

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