



# ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

## Clinical Continuing Education Series

### ABI Clinical Continuing Education Certificate

- Date & Time:** October 3 & 4, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Cost:** \$500 BIA-MA Members, \$550 Non-members
- Register:** [www.biama.org/abitraining](http://www.biama.org/abitraining)
- Venue:** UMASS Medical School Campus  
Amphitheater - 4th Floor  
333 South Street  
Shrewsbury, MA 01545
- Faculty:** Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D.

#### Description of Training:

This two-day continuing education program is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive overview of major categories of acquired brain injury (ABI), including neoplastic, traumatic, vascular, metabolic and infectious disorders of the central nervous system. Epidemiology, factors affecting outcome, and the potential long-term consequences, focusing on neurobehavioral, neurocognitive and sensorimotor sequelae, will be reviewed.

#### Learning Objectives:

**In this two-day training program, participants will learn to describe:**

- The structural and functional components of the brain and other central nervous system (CNS) structures.
- The epidemiology and descriptions of the major categories and subtypes of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), including brain tumors, traumatic brain injury, vascular, toxic, metabolic, and infectious disorders.
- Factors which influence outcome, with respect to the various types of ABI.
- The neurocognitive, sensorimotor, neurobehavioral/neuropsychiatric, and other consequences of ABI, and the correlation of these disorders with the type of ABI, severity and site(s) of injury within the brain.
- Principles of post-acute case management, including recommended assessments, rehabilitation and other strategies.



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## Faculty:

Dr. LaVecchia is a senior level clinician with over 40 years experience in the field of clinical neuropsychology, rehabilitation, and neurobehavioral treatment. From 1985-2013, Dr. LaVecchia held the position of Chief Neuropsychologist for the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, and in that capacity was instrumental in the development of clinically-informed, community-based services for individuals living 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 injury 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. Since 1983, she has also served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, where she is a member of the Behavioral Neuroscience doctoral program core faculty.

## Who should attend?

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

## Continuing Education Credits:

- Commonwealth Educational Seminars provides 13.0 CEs (in part) for the following clinical fields: Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC), Nurses, Psychologists, Social Workers.
- Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists: This ABI Clinical Course is offered for 1.3 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate Level, Professional Area).
- Detailed information on continuing education credits, including the speaker's financial and non-financial relationships, will be posted to [www.biama.org/abitraining](http://www.biama.org/abitraining) when available.



Franciscan Children's is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

## About BIA-MA:

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) is a private non-profit organization that strives to create a better future for all those affected by brain injury. The purpose of the organization is to educate the public on the risk and impact of brain injury, promote programs to prevent those injuries, advocate for improved legislation, and to offer support and resources to persons with brain injuries and their families.