



ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

Educational Programs

Introductory ABI Series: What is an Acquired Brain Injury?

Date & Time:	Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 1:00pm-4:00pm
Cost:	Member \$60; Non-Member \$75; Call for Group Rates
Register:	www.biama.org/abiprograms (Agenda and additional information found on website)
Venue:	Virtual remote program – via ZOOM
Faculty:	Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D.

Description of Training:

In this introductory lecture an overview of acquired brain injury (ABI) will be presented.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- List and define the leading causes of acquired brain injury, including traumatic, vascular (i.e., stroke), metabolic (e.g., anoxia), infectious, and neoplastic (i.e., brain tumors) disorders.
- Describe the potential consequences of ABI, including cognitive, behavioral, communication and sensory disorders.
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Dr. LaVecchia is a senior level clinician with over 48 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. Currently, Dr. LaVecchia is a clinical consultant to the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts.

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 an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, where she was member of the Core Faculty of the Behavioral Neuroscience doctoral program (1983-2020).



Sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts

Who Should Attend:

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts offers an introductory educational series regarding Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) via a Zoom platform. These presentations have been designed for staff who are currently providing services to individuals with ABI, as well as those who may be new to the field of brain injury.

Participants for whom this series was developed include: Case Managers, Program Coordinators, Residential Program Staff, Day Support Program (e.g., club house) and Day Habilitation Staff, Certified Brain Injury Specialists, Nurses and Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs), Occupational and Physical Therapy Assistants, Family Counselors and Other Mental Health Clinicians, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Home Health Agency Staff, and Community Support Workers.

Accommodations for the Differently Abled: Individuals needing special accommodations please contact Laura MacFeeley at education@biama.org or 508-475-0032. Requests for ASL and CART services will be honored to the best of our ability, based on the availability of ASL/CART providers.