

Want to learn about Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries?

Free & Open to the Public

Ask experts from leading research institutions and hospitals any questions on traumatic brain and spinal cord injury



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PM



Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Topics that Can be Discussed Include:

-  Pediatric Brain and Spinal Cord Injury
-  Adult Brain and Spinal Cord Injury
-  Pain Management
-  Mental Health Support
-  Local Resources for Survivors and Caregivers
-  Latest Research on Brain and Spinal Cord Injury
-  Sports Concussions
-  Prevention of Complications
-  Caregiver Support

 **And More...**



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Panel Members:



BERJE SHAMMASIAN, MD

Dr. Berje Shammaasian is an Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and Neurology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. He is a Neurosurgeon and Neurointensivist who specializes in the acute surgical and medical care of brain and spinal cord injury.



LAURA DIDOMENICO, MD

Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, specializing in Pediatric Neurocritical Care and has an interest in the longitudinal care of children with brain injuries. She is also affiliated with Camp Jabberwocky, a sleep away camp for people with disabilities, and has served as a counselor, medical provider, and most recently as a Camp medical committee member since 2008.



JAMES S. HARROP MD, MSHQs

Neurosurgeon and Professor, Departments of Neurological and Orthopedic Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University. He is the Chief of the Division of Spine and Peripheral Nerve Surgery and Neurosurgery, Director of the Delaware Valley SCI Center, and Director for Adult Reconstructive Spine. He has an active research program with over 700 publications. Present research interests include surgical approaches for spinal cord injury and neural regeneration.



GILLIAN MURRAY, DSW, LSW, CBIS

Brain injury therapist and medical manager/social worker on the acute rehabilitation unit of the Drucker Brain Injury Center at MossRehab. She specializes in cognitive rehabilitation. She also has experience assisting TBI survivors and caregivers in navigating the complex healthcare system.



AMANDA RABINOWITZ, PHD

Associate Director of the Jefferson Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute and an Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University. Her research focuses on the long-term effects of TBI on emotional well-being, cognitive function, and social participation. She investigates the use of digital health tools to support rehabilitation and behavioral activation in individuals with TBI.



TODD LEWIS, PHD

Neuropsychologist and brain injury clinical specialist on the neurorehabilitation unit at Jefferson Moss-Magee and co-director of the Philadelphia Concussion Center at Magee. He is responsible for the management of the cognitive, behavioral, and emotional sequelae of individuals having suffered from neurological illness and injury.



CHRISTINA L. MASTER, MD, FAAP, CAQSM, FACSM, FAMSSM

Professor of Pediatrics and Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine. She is internationally recognized for her expertise in pediatrics, sports, and brain injury medicine. Her research emphasis has been on visual deficits after concussion and identifying biomarkers to improve outcomes for children with concussion.



RANDEL SWANSON, DO, PHD

Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Psychiatrist subspecializing in Brain Injury Medicine. His clinical practice centers on the Neurological Rehabilitation of patients with Acquired Brain Injury, with the goal of assisting patients to achieve optimal return of neurological function following all forms of Acquired Brain Injury through a combination of clinical practice and scientific research.



CHRISTINE TYRELL, PT, DPT, PHD, NCS

Associate Professor at Thomas Jefferson University and former Program Director for the Jefferson and Magee Rehabilitation Hospital Neurologic Residency Program. She has over 20 years of clinical experience in neurologic physical therapy where she spent most of her time treating individuals who were recovering from spinal cord injury.



GRACE S. GRIESBACH, PHD

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Moderator: