



17th Annual Current Concepts in Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation

Saturday, November 7, 2026

UPMC Mercy Pavilion
1622 Locust St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Overview

According to the National Institute for Injury Prevention and Control, approximately 1.4 million people sustain a brain injury every year. It is estimated that nearly 2% (5.3 million) of the United States population needs assistance and/or lifelong care due to TBI. According to the National Institutes of Health, there are more than 795,000 strokes each year in the US, and strokes cause more serious long-term disabilities than any other disease.

Learning Objectives

Current Concepts in Brain Injury Rehabilitation will address, through lectures and discussion, the treatments and strategies employed at the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute. Conference goals are in line with the missions of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute to advance health, expand knowledge, and improve care through research, teaching rehabilitation services, and medical care. Following the conference, attendees will be able to:

1. Discuss the impact of cardiovascular disease on recovery after TBI.
2. Identify key statewide brain injury resources through BIAPA and describe how they support clinical care across the rehabilitation continuum.
3. List important treatment difference for FND compared with concussion

Target Audience

Nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, case managers, social workers, nurses, nurse practitioners, psychologists, physiatrists/physicians, fellows, residents, and others involved with the acute care and rehabilitation of persons with brain injury are encouraged to attend.

Program Schedule

7:45-8:00	Registration	
8:00-8:15	Opening Remarks	Dr. Gary Galang, MD and Allyson Yukevich, OTR/L
8:15-9:15	Functional Neurologic Disorder	Dr. Ginger Polich, MD
9:15-10:00	Cardiovascular Health after Traumatic Brain Injury	Dr. Shanti Pinto, MD
10:00-10:15	BREAK	
10:15-11:00	Allostatic Burden and the Effects on	Dr. Amy Wagner, MD

Long Term Brain Injury

11:00-12:00	Functional Capacity Evaluations for Clients with Traumatic Brain Injury	Dennis Morton, OTR/L
12:00-12:45	LUNCH	
12:45-2:00	Discussion Panel: Survivors of Long Term Brain Injury	Moderator: Morgan Herzing, MS, LPC Todd McIntyre Bradley White Audrey Fruehoff
2:00-2:45	Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Concussive Syndrome: Neuropsychology's role	Dr. Tad Gorske
2:45-3:00	BREAK	
3:00-4:30	Community Resources	Courtney Sargent, ATP Dr. Michelle McCann OTR/L Amy Deiderick Amy Lane, OTR/L, CDRS
4:30-4:45	Closing Remarks/ Adjourn	Dr. Gary Galang, MD and Allyson Yukevich, OTR/L

Faculty Listing

Course Directors

Allyson Yukevich, MOT, OTR/L, CBIS, cPAM	Occupational Therapy Senior UPMC Rehabilitation Institute, Brain Injury Rehabilitation
Gary Galang, MD	Assistant Professor UPMC Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Course Committee

Samantha Codisport, BSN, CRRN	Clinical Education Specialist, UPMC
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Marisa Vetica, MA CCC-SLP	Speech Language Pathologist Supervisor UPMC Rehabilitation Institute, Brain Injury Rehabilitation
Ted Allaire Barrios, PhD	Clinical Neuropsychologist, Assistant Professor UPMC Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Presenters

Dr. Ginger Polich, MD	Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School Massachusetts General Hospital
Dr. Shanti Pinto, MD, MSCS	Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Dr. Amy Wagner, MD	UPMC Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Dennis Martin, OTR/L, CHT	Occupational Therapy Program Director UPMC Rehabilitation Institute
Morgan Herzing, MS, LPC	Behavioral Health Therapist UPMC Rehabilitation Institute
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Physician (CME)

The University of Pittsburgh designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit[s][™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity

Successful completion of this CME activity enables the learner to earn credit toward the CME requirements of the *American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation's Continuous Certification program*. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABPMR credit

Nursing (CNE)

The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is 7.50 contact hours.

Physician Assistant (AAPA)

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Psychology (APA)

The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Psychology Education activity is **7.50**

Occupational Therapy

The University of Pittsburgh Department of Occupational Therapy is a pre-approved provider of continuing education in Pennsylvania. This course is approved for 8.0 contact hours

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The University of Pittsburgh Department of Physical Therapy is a pre-approved provider of Continuing Education in Pennsylvania. This course is approved for 8.0 continuing education credits

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Speech-Language-Hearing



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Intermediate

0.7 ASHA CEUs

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Other Healthcare Professionals

Other healthcare professionals will receive a certificate of attendance confirming the number of contact hours commensurate with the extent of participation in this activity.

Instructions to Register

This event will be offered **in person and virtually (virtual option for distance participants ONLY)**. Deadline to register is **OCTOBER 28, 2026**

- Create an account at cce.upmc.com
- Direct Link to register: [17th Annual Current Concepts in Brain Injury Conference | UPMC - Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences](#)
- Click the “Register/Take Course” Button and enter requested information. Online registration is complete upon receipt of a confirmation email. If you do not receive the confirmation email, please contact Brianne Shields (shieldsbe@upmc.edu).

Registration Fees

All cancellations must be in writing and sent to Brianne Shields (shieldsbe@upmc.edu). Tuition for cancellations postmarked or date stamped on/before October 20, 2026 will be refunded in full. No refunds will be made after October 20, 2026.

Fee includes course credits.

If attending in person, parking validation and meals are provided

Standard registration: \$75

Residents: \$20

Students: \$30 (present student ID at conference sign in)

The Americans with Disabilities Act Information

Participation by all individuals is encouraged. Advance notification of any special needs will help us provide better service. Please notify us of your needs at least two weeks in advance of the program by calling Amy Pietrolaj at 412-232-4072.

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