Presiding: E. Marcus Davis, Program Chair, Davis, Zipperman, Kirschenbaum, & Lotito, Atlanta

7:45 REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

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8:25 WELCOME AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

E. Marcus Davis

8:30 KEYNOTE "DEMONSTRATIVE EVIDENCE IN THE CATASTROPHIC BRAIN INJURY CASE"

Thomas Malone, Malone Law Office, Atlanta

9:00 MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS RELATED TO BRAIN INJURY

Darryl Kaelin, M.D., Medical Director of Brain Injury Services, The Shepherd Center, Atlanta

10:00 **BREAK**

10:15 NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT AND INTERPRETATION

Stephen N. Macciocchi, Ph.D., ABPP, Director of Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology, The Shepherd Center, Atlanta

11:15 NEUROBEHAVIORAL PHARMACOLOGY AND TREATMENT

Alan Harben, M.D., Medical Director of Rehabilitation, North Fulton Regional Hospital, Restore NeuroBehavioral Center, Roswell Kristi Miller, MS, LPT, Referral Coordinator, Restore NeuroBehavioral Center, Trussville, AL

12:15 LUNCH (Included in registration fee)

12:45 QUANTIFYING MILD, MODERATE AND SEVERE BRAIN INJURY AND CASE STUDIES Susan Johnson, MA, CCM, Director of Brain Injury Services; Vice Chair of Brain and Spinal Cord Trust Fund, Atlanta Stephen "Woody" Igou, Igou & Smith,

1:45 HOW TO PRESENT A BRAIN INJURY CASE FOR DAMAGES AND LIFE CARE PLANNING

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R. Keegan Federal, Jr., Keegan Federal & Associates, Atlanta
LuRae Ahrendt, RN, CRRN, CCM,
CLCP, Ahrendt Rehabilitation, Inc.,
Lawrenceville

2:45 **BREAK**

3:00 LONG TERM NEEDS AND RESOURCES FOR TBI

Virginia Martin, MS, CCC/SLP, CCM, ABI Clinical Coordinator, Marcus Bridge Program, The Shepherd Center, Atlanta Craig Young, Executive Director of Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission, Atlanta

4:00 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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WHAT A PROFESSIONAL NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

What a Professional Needs to Know About Traumatic Brain Injury

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What A Professional Needs To Know About Traumatic Brain Injury

I have recently had the opportunity to become a board member of the Brain Injury Association of Georgia. This privilege has allowed me to not only learn more about the "workings" of the Association, but to also actively serve the brain injury community. What impressed me the most about BIAG is its commitment to helping brain injury survivors and their families to improve their quality of life. This organization is comprised of survivors, family members, friends, and professionals who are all working together to provide community support programs which assist individuals and their families to have a better understanding of the effects of brain injury as well as to facilitate rehabilitation opportunities. Needless to say, I was impressed with not only the the programs offered but with the quality of the programs as well as the volunteers who provide them.

Another fact you may be unaware of, is 1.4 million people sustain a traumatic brain injury each year in the United States; 50,000 die; 235,000 are hospitalized; and 1.2 million are treated and simply released to their family members to care for them. As you can well imagine, this is a bewildering prospect for many family members. That is where BIAG steps in to provide support, resources, and education for brain injury survivors and their family members. Our toll free helpline at 1-800-444-6443 responds to request for information about our various programs, community resources, and sources for educational materials. If you or someone you know is in need of such assistance, please call. Another program

offered by BIAG which provides information, guidance and support for survivors and family members is their Peer Visitor Program. This program is comprised of trained volunteer survivors, family members, or caregivers. These dedicated volunteers are trained in the medical and neurological manifestations of brain injury, phases of hospital treatment, rehabilitation, recovery, community resources, realistic expectations, and family support. This invaluable service and resource is spearheaded by Ann Boriskie, Brain Injury Peer Visitor Program Coordinator. For more information, feel free to contact Ann Boriskie at (770) 330-8416.

In addition to the initial bewilderment survivors and their family members experience as a result of this injury, survivors may also experience a wide range of functional changes. These functional changes include, but are not limited to, changes in cognition, language, emotions, and behavior. The Brain Injury Association of Georgia provides state wide volunteer-administered support groups. These support groups provide the opportunity for survivors and family members affected by brain injury not only to learn more about brain injury but to be present in a safe and encouraging venue to discuss the many challenges they face. Another support service BIAG offers are Retreats and Camps. The retreats and camps provide recreational activities for survivors to participate in while their loving caregivers find moments of respite and support. This remarkable experience renews the mind and body of both survivor and caregiver.

If you've read this seminar handout thus far, I'm sure you're as impressed as I am with the level of support BIAG provides to brain injury survivors and their families. However, I believe you should be equally impressed with the association's efforts to provide education for survivors, family members, and professionals. In addition to the educational materials offered through BIAG's helpline, support groups, and peer visitor program, BIAG also offers a state-of-the-art online educational resource through their web-based project: The Brain Injury Resource Foundation. This resource offers an extensive on-line library regarding brain injury. (Please visit this webisite at www.birf.info). BIAG also offers various professional seminars throughout the year, such as the one you're attending today.

Needless to say, when I learned of all that BIAG provides for survivor of traumatic brain injury and their families I was excited to be associated with such caring, committed volunteers. When the occasion arises we mobilize our volunteers, lobbyists, support groups, and special interest groups to partner with BIAG in actively advocating for legislation which affects the Georgia brain injured community. We utilize our website to increase public awareness regarding issues and instructions for participation when needed.

I'm excited to be a part of the brain injured community of supporters. Joining this organization has given me an opportunity to help others in a way that my legal practice has not. I am able to offer my time and my talents and in return I feel as though I've helped someone. At this stage of my life and career, that is an important feeling.

I appreciate your time in reading this material and I hope that you will peruse the provided materials on traumatic brain injury and gain further knowledge about this life-altering injury. If you're so inclined to volunteer your services, time, or would like to make a donation please contact:

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Visit our website at www.braininjurygeorgia.org

The Brain injury Association of Georgia is non-profit organization which offers various levels of donation. A membership/donation form is enclosed in the materials provided. You will see several options for donating which allow you and/or your company to be listed on BIAG's website as a professional or corporate donor. I hope you will donate, in some measure, with either your time, services, or charitable donation. For it is through these measures, that the Brain Injury Association of Georgia is able to continue their invaluable programs for the brain injured community.

Facts about Traumatic Brain Injury

What is a traumatic brain injury?

A traumatic brain injury (TBI) is defined as a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the function of the brain. Not all blows or jolts to the head result in a TBI. The severity of such an injury may range from "mild," i.e., a brief change in mental status or consciousness to "severe," i.e., an extended period of unconsciousness or amnesia after the injury. A TBI can result in short or long-term problems with independent function.

How many people have TBI?

Of the 1.4 million who sustain a TBI each year in the United States:



235,000 are hospitalized; and

1.1 million are treated and released from an emergency department.¹

The number of people with TBI who are not seen in an emergency department or who receive no care is unknown.

What causes TBI?

The leading causes of TBI are:

- Falls (28%); ·
- Motor vehicle-traffic crashes (20%);
- Struck by/against events (19%); and
- Assaults (11%).¹

Blasts are a leading cause of TBI for active duty military personnel in war zones.2

Who is at highest risk for TBI?

- Males are about 1.5 times as likely as females to sustain a TBI.
- The two age groups at highest risk for TBI are 0 to 4 year olds and 15 to 19 year olds.1
- Certain military duties (e.g., paratrooper) increase the risk of sustaining a TBl.³
- African Americans have the highest death rate from TBI.

What are the costs of TBI?

Direct medical costs and indirect costs such as lost productivity of TBI totaled an estimated \$60 billion in the United States in 2000.1

What are the long-term consequences of TBI?

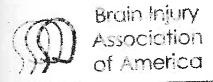
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that at least 5.3 million Americans currently have a long-term or lifelong need for help to perform activities of daily living as a result of a TBI.5

According to one study, about 40% of those hospitalized with a TBI had at least one unmet need for services one year after their injury. The most frequent unmet needs were:

- Improving memory and problem solving;
- Managing stress and emotional upsets;
- Controlling one's temper, and
- Improving one's job skills.⁶

TBI can cause a wide range of functional changes affecting thinking, language, learning, emotions, behavior, and/or sensation. It can also cause epilepsy and increase the risk for conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and other brain disorders that become more prevalent with age. 7.8



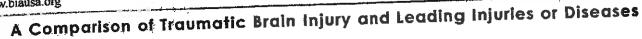


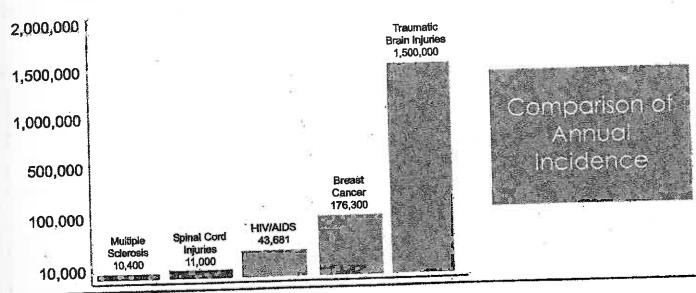
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TBI

On an annual basis in the United States:

- 1.5 million people will sustain a TBI annually.1
- 50,000 people will die annually as a result of TBI.1
- 80,000 people annually experience the onset of long-term disabilities following TBI.
- There are currently 5.3 million Americans living with a disability as a result of a TBL

Breast Cancer

On an annual basis in the United States:

- In 1999 there were 175,000 new instances of breast cancer in women and 1,300 new instances in men.4
- In 1999, 43,300 women and 400 men died from breast cancer.

Creating a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education and advocacy

Spinal Cord Injury

On an annual basis in the United States:

- Nearly 11,000 people sustain a traumatic spinal cord injury.5
- More than 190,000 people in the U.S. live with paralysis caused by spinal cord injury.5
- 85 percent of all spinal cord injury patients who survive 24 hours after their injury are still living ten years after the incident.5

HIV/AIDS

On an annual basis in the United States:

The following number of people died from an AIDS-related illness:2

1999 - 16,273

1998 - 17,930

1997 - 21,923

1996 - 37,787

1995 - 50,610

1994 - 49,869

1993 - 45,381

The following number of people were diagnosed with HIV/AIDS:3

1996 - 60,618

1997 - 49,704

1998 - 43,681

Multiple Sclerosis

On an annual basis in the United States:

It is estimated that 10,400 people are diagnosed with MS on a yearly basis, broken down to 200 new instances per week.6

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Direct medical costs and indirect costs (such as lost productivity) of TBI are estimated at \$60 billion annually. This number does not take into account returning military service personnel with TBI.²

. At Least 5.3 million individuals have a long-term disability as a result of TBI. ¹

TBI: The Invisible Injury

U.S. Department of Defense

A traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury. The injury is caused by falls, motor vehicle crashes, assaults and other incidents. Blasts are a leading cause of TBI for active duty military personnel in war zones.

Any TBI—whether diagnosed as mild, moderate or severe—can temporarily or permanently impair a person's cognitive skills, interfere with emotional well-being and diminish physical abilities.

Individuals with TBI may experience memory loss; concentration or attention problems; slowed learning; and difficulty with planning, reasoning, or judgment. Emotional and behavioral consequences include depression, anxiety, impulsivity, aggression, and thoughts of suicide.

Physical challenges of TBI may include fatigue, headaches, problems with balance or motor skills, sensory losses, seizures, and endocrine dysfunction. TBI often leads to respiratory, circulatory, digestive, and neurological diseases, including epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease.

Poor outcomes after TBI result from shortened length of stays in both inpatient and outpatient medical settings; insurance coverage denials for rehabilitative treatment; and inadequate funding for public services. Too often individuals with TBI are prematurely discharged to untrained, unsupported family caregivers or inappropriately placed in nursing homes, psychiatric institutions or correctional facilities.

Maximal recovery and long-term health maintenance for people with brain injury can only be achieved through a comprehensive, coordinated neurotrauma disease management system providing for immediate treatment, medically-necessary rehabilitation, and supportive services delivered by appropriately trained TBI specialists in the public and private sectors.

The Brain Injury Association of America and its nationwide network of advocates call on Congress to enact and fully fund balanced, coordinated and responsible public policy that provides for basic and applied research; acute inpatient and outpatient treatment and rehabilitation; long-term disease management, and appropriate, accessible social services and supports following neurotrauma.

Collaborating Organizations

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2. Brain Disorders Source Book

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A thorough book on brain injury.

3. Brain Injury Medicine: Principles and Practice

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A comprehensive guide to all aspects of the management issues involved in carir the person with brain injury - from early diagnosis and evaluation through the pos acute period and rehabilitation.

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5. Living With Brain Injury: A Guide for Families

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You will find this book in the Science aisle. Dr. Doldge provides a summary of the current revolution in neuroscience. He explores the the fact that the age-old disti between the brain and the mind is changing, as the power of positive thinking fine gain scientific credibility. Various stories about recoveries, treatments, and new methods are presented and used to explain the fact the the brain can be "rewired" and "remapped".

7. Head injury: The Facts, A Guide for Families and Caregivers By Dorothy Gronwell, Phillip Wrightson, and Peter Waddel Explains that a person injured with a brain injury can gradually rebuild a meaningful life again.

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BOOKS FROM SURVIVORS OF BRAIN INJURY:

1. Smile and Jump High (The True Story of Overcoming a Brain injury) By Daniel J. Lloyd and Shannon L, Kehoe Starlight Press Monroe, GA 770-266-7791

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2. Over My Head: A Doctor's Own Story of Head Injury from the Inside Loo Out By Claudia L. Osborn

3. My Reality Check Bounced: Humor from a Brain Injury Perspective By Brain Injury Survivors Editorial Board Edited by: John Youngbauer, Mandy Goodnight, Jeanne Hetherington

4. Coping With Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

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A poignant memoir of brain injury recovery, told by a caregiving spouse.

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