



# ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

## Educational Programs

### Overview: Acquired Brain Injury

- Date & Time:** Wednesday September 27, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (starting promptly)
- Registration:** Online at [www.biama.org/abiprograms](http://www.biama.org/abiprograms)
- Venue:** Live Webinar via ZOOM
- Agenda:** The agenda for this training is posted on [www.biama.org/abiprograms](http://www.biama.org/abiprograms)
- Cancellations:** In the event the educational program is cancelled, information will be posted to our website or email sent to registered attendees.

**Cost of program:** This free course is supported by a grant awarded to the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Workforce Development Grant Program. There is no cost to attendees.

**Faculty:** Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Education, Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, Westborough, Massachusetts.

**This activity offers Continuing Education Credit for:** Nurses (ANCC), Audiologists/Speech-Language Pathologists (ASHA CEUs), Psychologists (APA), Case Managers (CCMC Application Submitted), Social Workers (ASWB), Licensed Mental Health Counselors (MaMHCA Application Submitted), Rehabilitation Counselors (CRCC), Addiction Professionals (NAADAC)

**Description of Training:** This continuing education program is designed to provide participants with an overview of the 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 select, representative disorders/diseases of the central nervous system will be reviewed and discussed.

**Learning Objectives:** Upon completion of this training, program participants will be able to:

1. Differentiate and define acquired brain injuries, with respect to onset; affected age groups; extrinsic vs intrinsic causes; non-progressive and progressive disorders of the nervous system.
2. Describe the epidemiology and the major categories of acquired brain injury (ABI), including brain tumors, traumatic brain injury, vascular, toxic, metabolic and infectious disorders.
3. List the factors which influence outcome, with respect to the various types of acquired brain injuries.
4. Identify the categories of sequelae of ABI, including neurocognitive, sensorimotor, neurobehavioral/neuropsychiatric, and other disorders.



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**Faculty Bio:** Dr. LaVecchia is a senior level clinician with 50 years of experience in the field of clinical neuropsychology. She 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. 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 and Director of Clinical Education for 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. From 1984 to 2020, she was member of the Core Faculty of the Behavioral Neuroscience doctoral program and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine.

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

### Continuing Education Credits:

- Satisfactory Completion Requirement – A certificate of completion will be available digitally after registration, active attendance at the complete presentation, and submission of completed evaluation. There is no partial credit offered.
- It is the participants' responsibility to check with their individual state boards to verify Continuing Education credit requirements for their state and licensure.
- Accreditation Statement: In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by CME Outfitters, LLC and the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts. CME Outfitters, LLC is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.
- Nurses: This activity is designated for 6.0 nursing contact hours.



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- **Psychologists: Continuing Education (CE)** credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP). The APA CEP Office maintains responsibility for the content of the programs. CME Outfitters, LLC designates this live activity for 6.0 contact hours. APA Instructional level of this activity: Introductory.



- **Social Workers:** As a Jointly Accredited Organization, CME Outfitters, LLC is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. CME Outfitters, LLC maintains responsibility for this course. Social workers completing this course receive 6.0 Live continuing education credits.



- **IPEC Credit:** This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 6 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.



- **Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists:** This training is offered for 0.6 ASHA CEUs (Introductory, Professional level).



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Massachusetts Speech-Language  
Hearing Association

Introductory Level  
0.60 ASHA CEUs

- **Addiction Professionals (NAADAC):** The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts has applied as an approved education provider for continuing education credits through NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals. Approval pending.

- **Case Managers:** Application has been submitted for Case Managers through The Commission for Case Manager Certification to provide 6.0 continuing education credits to CCMC Board Certified Case Managers (CCMs).



- **Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC):** Application for MaMHCA continuing education credits for LMHC has been submitted. Please contact [education@biama.org](mailto:education@biama.org) or call 508-475-0032 for the status of LMHC CE certification.

- **Rehabilitation Counselors (CRC):** Application for CRCC continuing education credits for CRC, CCRC, CRC-CAC, and CRC-CS has been submitted and preapproved. Please contact [education@biama.org](mailto:education@biama.org) or call 508-475-0032 for further details.

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**Faculty:**

Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D. discloses:

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Nonfinancial Disclosures – professional member, Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts

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