



ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

Educational Programs

What is an Acquired Brain Injury?

Date & Time:	Wednesday, May 10, 2023 1:00pm-4:00pm
Register:	www.biama.org/abiprograms (Additional information found on website)
Venue:	Live webinar via ZOOM
Faculty:	Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D.
CEs/CEUs:	None

BIA-MA is pleased to announce the new, complimentary ABI Workforce Development Series. This series 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 fee for these virtual programs.

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 categories of potential consequences of ABI, including cognitive, behavioral, communication and sensory disorders.
- List the factors affecting recovery and outcome.

Faculty: Francesca LaVecchia, Ph.D.

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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