

Sports Concussion Conference

Thursday, October 30, 2008
Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
181 Boston Post Road
Marlborough, MA 01752

Learn About:

- Return-to-play decisions
- Legal and medical issues
- Resources for school professionals
- Managing concussion in a school setting



Featured Workshops

- Pediatric sports-related concussion
- Family issues and returning to school
- Best practices for reporting concussions
- School liability
- Managing critical care
- Improving communication/supporting academics
- What athletic trainers and coaches need to know

Keynote Speaker

Gary Tanguay, pre - and post-game host, WBCN 104.1
FM New England Patriots Rock Radio Network

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This conference is designed to review current practices in the diagnosis, assessment, and management of sports-related brain injuries in young athletes. It will benefit professionals involved in all levels of care and training.

Who Should Attend

- Athletic Trainers
- Coaches
- EMTs
- Medical Professionals
- Nurses
- Parents
- Referees
- School Professionals

Continuing Education

Athletic Trainers: The BIA-MA is recognized by The Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) to offer continuing education for Certified Athletic Trainers.

EMTs: Application has been submitted for continuing education.

Nurses: Application has been submitted for continuing education.

Educational Objectives

- Understand the causes of sports concussions and how to prevent permanent brain injury
- Learn how to identify the patterns and symptoms of sports-related brain injuries
- Recognize the importance of identifying social and academic changes resulting from brain injury and the special needs they present at home and in school
- Explore the legal implications involved in sports concussions and brain injury
- Learn from the experiences of families and athletes who sustained sports concussions

ABOUT BIA-MA

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts is a private, nonprofit organization that provides support services to brain injury survivors and their families. The organization offers programs to prevent brain injury, educates the public on the risks and impact of brain injury, and advocates for legislation and improved services. BIA-MA is an affiliate of the Brain Injury Association of America.

Program Committee: Pam Bush, M.A.; Cindy Campbell, M.A.; Nicole M. Godaire, CBIS; Katrina Sullivan; Michelle Weinstein, M.Ed., CBIS; Mary Ann Gapinski, RN, MSN, NCSN; Marjorie McEttrick-Maloney, RN, BSN, MPA/H, NCSN; Shaun Golden, BSN, RN; Tony Giuliano, Ph.D; Lewis Howe; Beth A. Adams, M.Ed., LRC;

Schedule of the Day

7:30-8:00	Registration and Breakfast
8:00-8:15	Welcome and Introductions <i>Arlene Korab, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of MA</i>
8:15-9:15	Pediatric Concussion, A Neglected Population <i>Mark Proctor, Pediatric Neurosurgeon Childrens Hospital, Boston</i>
9:15-10:15	When Sports Concussion Hits Home: Challenges for Athletes and their Families <i>Moderator Beth A. Adams, M.Ed., LRC, Founder of Concussion Rehab Specialists, Spaulding Rehab Hospital</i>
10:15-10:30	Break/Exhibits
10:30-11:30	Best Practices for Reporting and Tracking Student Concussions <i>Suzanne Teutsch, RN, BSN, Pitts- field School District; Ann Farrell, RN, MS, M.Ed, Northeastern University; Marilyn Driscoll, RN, BSN, Migdalia Tennyson, RN,BSN, Don Napolitan ATC, Nashoba Regional High School</i>
11:45-1:00	Lunch Gary Tanguay, Keynote Speaker
1:00-2:15	Workshop #1 (choose one)
A	Liability and Sports Who's Responsible? <i>Kenneth I. Kolpan, Esq.</i>
B	Managing Critical Care <i>Robert L. Palmer, PA-C, REmT-P</i>
2:15-2:30	Break/Exhibits
2:30-3:45	Workshop #2 (choose one)
C	Improving Communication and Supporting Academics <i>Marjorie McEttrick-Maloney, BSN, MPA/H, NCSN; Mary Ann Gapinski, RN, MSN, NCSN; Patricia Reardon, RN, BSN</i>
D	Athletic Training Workshop <i>Sue Guyer, DPE, ATC, LAT, CSCS, Springfield College; Scott Gallon, MS, ATC, College of the Holy Cross</i>
3:45 - 4:00	Continuing Education Certificates and Certificates of Attendance

General Sessions

Pediatric Concussion -A Neglected Population
Frequency and prevalence of sports concu-
sion among children. Effects of concussions and
difference from adult population. A specific focus on
diagnosis and management.

**When Sports Concussion Hits Home:
Challenges for Athletes and their Families**
A family panel will talk about how sports
concussions have impacted their lives and the
challenges they face upon returning to school.

**Best Practices for Reporting and Tracking
Student Concussions**
This workshop will present model assessment tools
used for early identification and prompt treatment of
sports concussions in schools. Includes best practices
for educating school professionals and parents.

Workshops

A. Liability and Sports:

Who's Responsible?

A discussion of legal issues and the risks that
arise as a result of sports concussions. Topics in-
clude: potential legal exposure, how to better protect
oneself from legal liability, guidelines and protocols.

B. Managing Critical Care in

Sports Concussions

What happens when a severe concussion occurs on
the field? From the field to the E.R., this workshop
reviews concussion mechanisms, initial evaluations,
and different diagnoses.

C. Improving Communication and Supporting Academics

A good follow-up to the morning session on best
practices. Identifies available resources within
the school setting to educate staff and families in
the prevention, recognition, and recovery from
concussion.

D. Athletic Training Workshop

A discussion of what athletic trainers and coaches
need to know and what information they should
communicate.

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Name: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address: Home Work _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ ATC EMT Nurse _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Check one workshop in each time period: 1:00 - 2:15: A B 2:30 - 3:45: C D

Fees (check all that apply):

Admission \$75 CEU \$25 Total \$ _____

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, PLEASE COMPLETE

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Please register online at www.biama.org or complete this form and send with check (payable to BIA-MA), purchase order # or credit card information to:

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The tax-deductible, non-refundable registration fee includes course materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

