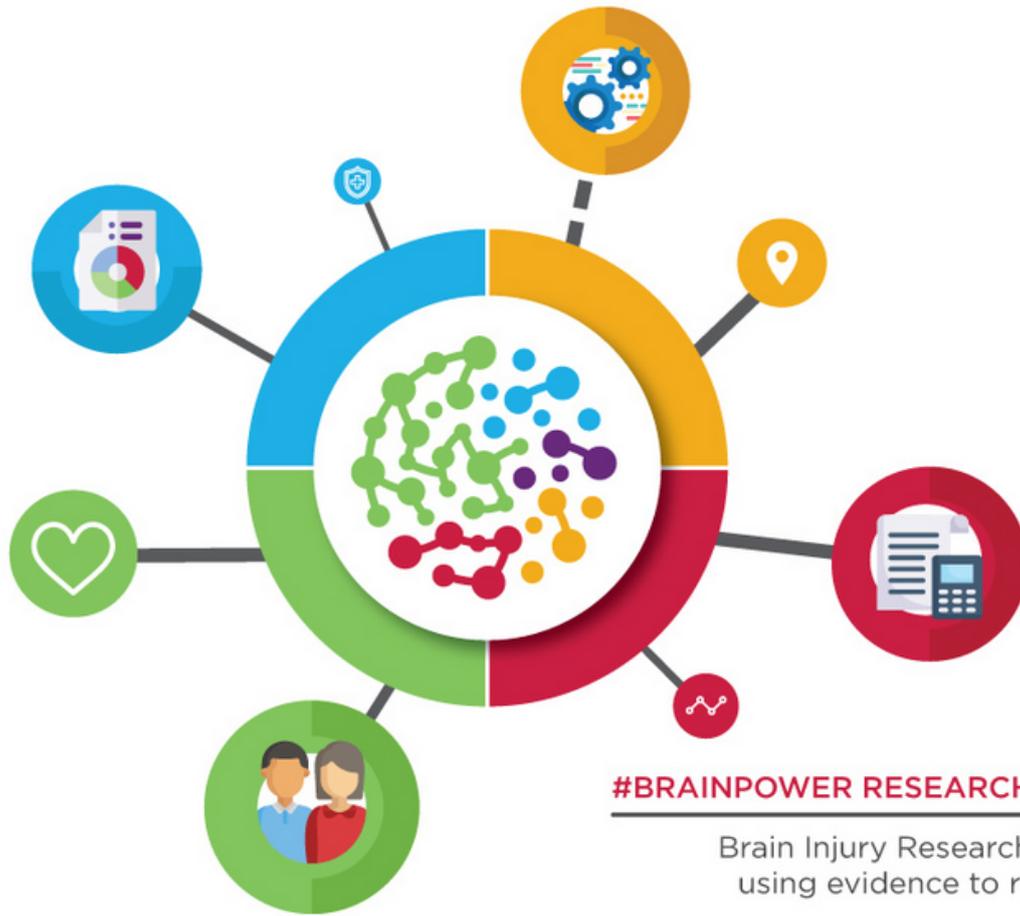




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Brain Injury Research in Ireland:
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Seminar Programme

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Seminar Programme

Friday 20.05.2022

The Wood Quay Venue

09.30 Registration desk opens

09.45 Introduction and welcome

Barbara O'Connell:
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

Session 1

Chairperson: Dr Lorraine Crawley, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland
Q&A to follow each speaker

09.50 Remote rehabilitation for isolated areas -
The ROSIA project

Alli McClean:
National Rehabilitation Hospital

10.20 Advances in neurosurgery for traumatic
brain injury

Prof Mohsen Javadpour:
Beaumont Hospital

10.50 The benefits of data analysis in Acquired
Brain Injury Ireland service development

Dr. Andrea Sica and
Ellen Conlon:
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

11.20 Break (20 minutes)

Session 2

Chairperson: Dr Brian Waldron, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland
Q&A to follow each speaker

11.40 Traumatic brain injury: Equity in outcomes
through the lens of sex and gender

Dr. Tatyana Mollayeva:
Global Brain Health Institute
Trinity College Dublin

12.10 Findings from the traumatic brain injury
epidemiology and rehabilitation in Ireland
project

Prof Anthony Staines:
Dublin City University
Dr. Catherine Corrigan

12.40 A stroke of luck

Majella Cassidy:
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital
Expert by experience

13.10 Closing remarks

Barbara O'Connell:
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

13.15 Ends

Biographies

Barbara O'Connell, Chief Executive, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland



As founder and Chief Executive, Barbara O'Connell (MBA DipCOT) has built Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (ABII) from an idea to a national organisation, providing specialist neuro-rehabilitation services in communities throughout Ireland. Previously Barbara worked as an Occupational Therapist across many rehabilitation settings, developing her role from the frontline to executive management level, leading and training staff to enable people with disabling conditions from all walks of life to achieve their maximum potential. Barbara has significant experience of change management in a challenging healthcare environment. She has pioneered the design, implementation and management of social re-integration programmes for people with an acquired brain injury, bridging the identified gap between post-acute services and return to the community. Using innovation and a solution-focused approach she has spent years transforming challenging systems and harnessing opportunities to bring about real change in the lives of people. Barbara established ABII as a small non-profit. She has since grown it into a large national organisation and, as Chief Executive, now leads, develops and manages diverse senior management teams and external stakeholders to increase funding and implement transparent business processes. Her work and achievements have been recognised through awards including the Ulster Bank business of the year and the Women Mean Business (WMB) Social Entrepreneur of the year. In addition to holding an MBA Barbara has continued her education throughout her career, attending courses at Harvard Business School on strategic planning and organisational development and at Harvard Kennedy school on leadership and decision making. She has been a Director on many boards in the non-profit sector over the years, including large umbrella bodies and the Irish Charity Regulator. She has recently completed a post graduate diploma in Business and Executive coaching in Smurfit Business School, University College Dublin.

Dr. Lorraine Crawley, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland



Dr. Lorraine Crawley has held the position of Senior Clinical Psychologist with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland for the past eight years, having previously worked in the HSE. She is a member of the Psychological Society of Ireland and the British Psychological Society. Lorraine previously Chaired the Acquired Brain Injury Ireland Research Ethics Committee and was a member of the service's Research Prioritisation project. She has provided clinical supervision and input for Masters and Doctoral psychology research on topics including executive functioning, loneliness and critical psychology, which have involved collaborations with University of Limerick, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin City University and Maastricht University. Lorraine is currently collaborating with Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Limerick on a neuro-rehabilitation longitudinal outcomes study. She was an author of a chapter The Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 and People with Acquired Brain injury in Donnelly, M. and Gleeson, C. (2021) The Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015: Personal and Professional Reflections, HSE/UCC/Decision Support Service.

Dr Brian Waldron, Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland



Brian is a Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland. He has worked with the organisation since 2006. He previously held the post of Locum Senior Clinical Psychologist with the National Rehabilitation Hospital for four months. Brian has also worked as a Clinical Psychologist for the HSE over five years and was involved in the assessment and treatment of a variety of problems occurring in children, adults and families. Prior to his doctorate training he worked for Headway Ireland in 1999 as a Vocational Training Officer and was involved in research on adjustment to spinal cord injuries from 1996 to 1998. He has been developing expertise in working with people with neurological damage over the last two decades. Brian holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from University College Dublin and Masters degrees from University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin. He is a former chair of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) Division of Neuropsychology and was the PSI rep on the National Clinical Programme for Rehabilitation Medicine Working Group for several years. Brian teaches on the Trinity College Dublin Doctorate in Clinical Psychology Programme and on the University College Dublin Masters in Rehabilitation and Disability Studies. Brian has been appointed President of the World Congress on Brain Injury and will lead the Scientific Committee for the World Congress on Brain Injury from 29 March - 1 April 2023.

Dr. Tatyana Mollayeva, Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health, Global Brain Health Institute, Trinity College Dublin



Tatyana (PhD, MD) is an Affiliate Scientist at the KITE Research Institute Toronto Rehab University Health Network, an Assistant Professor (Status) in the Department of Epidemiology at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and an Associate Director of the Acquired Brain Injury Lab at the University of Toronto. She is currently an Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health with the Global Brain Health Institute, Institute of Neuroscience, Dublin. Dr. Mollayeva received her Medical Degree in Preventive Medicine, followed by a specialization in Epidemiology and Public Health in 1994. She worked for almost a decade in the field of infectious diseases' prevention in Central Asia. In 2015 she obtained PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences and Neurosciences at the University of Toronto. Her PhD and post-doctoral fellowships on topics of sleep, traumatic brain injury, and dementia were externally funded by top funding agencies, including the Banting and Best Canadian Institutes for Health Research, the National Institutes of Health, and the Alzheimer's Association. Dr. Mollayeva's scientific contributions have been recognized by the 2015 Deborah L. Wilkerson Early Career Award from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, 2017 Elio Lugaresi Award for Education from the World Sleep Congress, and 2019 Robert D. Voogt North American Brain Injury Society Founders Award. Dr. Mollayeva is highly dedicated to disseminating knowledge and mentoring trainees across a broad range of professional and research-based programmes.

Majella Cassidy Senior Neurological Occupational Therapist, Our Lady's of Lourdes Hospital and Expert by Experience



Majella Cassidy is a senior Occupational Therapist working in the field of acquired brain injury. Graduating from University of Brighton with an MSc in Occupational Therapy, she has worked predominately in the field of Stroke, TBI and neurological conditions. Her first degree was in Social Care Practice after which she worked with young adults in residential care. Currently, she is working in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda as the Senior Neurological Occupational Therapist. Previous experience includes Acute Stroke, Stroke Rehab, Neuro rehab and palliative care. Majella has carried out her own research as part of the MSc in Occupational therapy, was involved in setting up a Randomised Control Trial as part of the cross border Initiative CHITIN Project looking at Mirror Box Therapy with patients who have had a stroke, and has participated in various types of research over her professional career. In September 2018, Majella had the unfortunate experience of having a stroke. Lucky enough to make a full recovery she now acts as a patient representative on the Acquired Brain Injury Ireland Research Ethics Committee. In addition to this, Majella has had the opportunity to present at various conferences and university courses as an advocate for the lived experience of having an acquired brain injury.

Dr. Catherine Corrigan, Nurse Practitioner



Catherine is a Nurse Practitioner (Board Certified, USA) and Nurse Educator who holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She has extensive experience in brain injuries, working alongside world renowned neurosurgeons (Dr. Al Rhoten) at Shands Hospital, University of Florida. Catherine is a member of the Centre for eIntegrated Care, Dublin City University. Her main interests are traumatic brain injury research, entrustable professional activities and disenfranchised grief.

Professor Anthony Staines, Professor of Health Systems Dublin City University



Anthony works as the Professor of Health Systems in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health in Dublin City University. He is a medical academic, an experienced director, and a public health doctor. After clinical training in paediatrics, and public health, he has worked as an academic, and a policy analyst. His research includes work on disability service, carers, health information and cancer. He is a PI on a study of Pathways Through Rehabilitation following Traumatic Brain Injury. He is the chair of St. Michael's House, and formerly chaired the Irish Blood Transfusion Service.

Dr. Andrea Sica, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland



Andrea completed his academic studies and Clinical Training in Italy and commenced his career in Clinical Psychology in June 2000. He obtained a qualification in Sport Psychology (in Italy) in 2002; an international Master in Non-Profit Organization Management in Poitiers (France) in 2010; and a Master by Research in Clinical Psychology in Trinity College Dublin in 2016. Andrea worked in both fields of Clinical Psychology (in Italy) and Sport Psychology at national and international level until December 2011, participating in numerous international projects. Andrea moved to Ireland in 2012 where he has worked in the Disability/Neuro Rehabilitation sector, since August 2012. He is currently Senior Clinical Neuropsychologist at Acquired Brain Injury Ireland. Andrea holds a Guest Lecturer and Honorary Tutor positions at the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in Trinity College Dublin. Andrea is a committee member of the PSI Division of Neuropsychology and Chairperson of ABI Ireland Research Ethics Committee. Andrea has a special Clinical and Research interest in Compassion Focused Therapy, Therapeutic Relationship, Attachment and Insight.

Ellen Conlon, Research Project Officer Acquired Brain Injury Ireland



Ellen has been working as ABI Ireland's Research Officer since summer 2021. She is a recent graduate of Trinity College Dublin, where she obtained a BSc in Human Health and Disease. During the course of her studies she gained an in-depth knowledge of the physiology and acute treatment of traumatic brain injuries, as well as the epidemiology of stroke. She currently works between the national office of ABI Ireland and the Global Brain Health Institute at Trinity College Dublin where Ellen has the opportunity to collaborate and gain insight into various research projects surrounding brain health. She plans to use the data collected from clients at ABI Ireland to explore the cost effectiveness of rehabilitation within the organisation over the course of 2022.

Alli McClean, ROSIA Project Coordinator, National rehabilitation Hospital



Alli is the ROSIA Project Coordinator for the National Rehabilitation Hospital. Alli graduated from Physiotherapy in Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in 2009 and spent nine years working in various hospitals in Australia, predominantly working in neuro-rehabilitation in a tertiary hospital in Queensland. She has postgraduate qualifications in clinical rehabilitation and leadership. Her experience includes work on a project called Transition 2Subacute, which used telehealth and skills-sharing between allied health professionals to develop a pathway to deliver rehabilitation closer to patients' homes following stroke or hip fracture. Alli has worked in Ireland in acute hospital and rehabilitation settings prior to taking up her current role of coordinating NRH's involvement in the EU-funded ROSIA project. Alli's areas of interest are telerehabilitation and innovation, rehabilitation access, and person-centred outcomes following rehabilitation or telerehabilitation.

Professor Mohsen Javadpour, Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital



Mohsen Javadpour is a Consultant Neurosurgeon with interest in brain injury, vascular malformations, skull base tumours, and stereotactic radiosurgery. Mohsen is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin (1993). He obtained his training in neurosurgery at the Walton Centre for Neurology & Neurosurgery, Liverpool, UK and subspecialty training in neurovascular surgery at the Toronto Western Hospital, Canada. He was Consultant Neurosurgeon at the Walton Centre in Liverpool from 2004 to 2011 and held a number of positions, including Chairman of British Neurovascular Group (2008-2012) and Member of Council of Society of British Neurological Surgeons (2011-2016). Mohsen moved back to Ireland in 2011. He is currently Consultant Neurosurgeon at the National Neurosurgical Centre, Beaumont Hospital and honorary clinical associate Professor at RCSI. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and has written 5 book chapters.



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