

BRAIN INJURY  INTERDISCIPLINARY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

BI-ISIG



NETWORKING • MENTORSHIP • COLLABORATION
LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS • LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ABOUT BI-ISIG

The ACRM Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG) is the oldest and largest ACRM special interest group and is committed to promoting high standards of clinical practice, education, and research among rehabilitation professionals with common interests in brain injury.

This dynamic group holds two general meetings annually during the ACRM Mid-Year Meeting in the spring and the Annual Conference in the fall. BI-ISIG task forces meet routinely throughout the year via international conference calls.

BI-ISIG MEMBER BENEFITS

- Participation in BI-ISIG Task Forces
- Opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration
- Grow your professional network of colleagues, mentors, and funders
- Gain recognition for your contributions to the field and to ACRM
- Boost your CV with opportunities to develop and demonstrate your leadership skills
- Opportunity to plan educational courses for the ACRM Annual Conference
- Collaborative research opportunities
- Networking and engaging with rehabilitation colleagues who share passions and challenges
- Increasing opportunities to publish your work
- Meet pioneers in the field and potential mentors
- Advancing the field by helping to translate and disseminate cutting-edge research into clinical guidelines and practice

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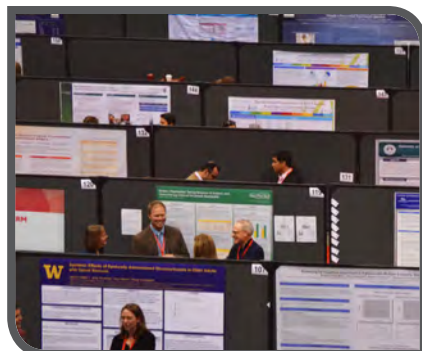
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MOVING AHEAD

This newsletter of the ACRM BI-ISIG, reports the news, progress, and opportunities that spring from the group's many task forces and dedicated members.





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BI-ISIG TASK FORCES

Active membership in the BI-ISIG includes collaborative and productive participation in its important task forces. Learn more about BI-ISIG task forces at ACRM.org/bi-taskforces.

COGNITIVE REHABILITATION TASK FORCE

CO-CHAIRS: Keith Cicerone, PhD, ABPP, FACRM; Donna Langenbahn, PhD, FACRM; Lance E. Trexler, PhD, HSPP, FACRM

FOCUS: Develop/disseminate cognitive rehabilitation clinical practice guidelines.

COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT TASK FORCE

CO-CHAIRS: Nina Geier, MS, MPT, PT, CBIS; Ann Marie McLaughlin, PhD

FOCUS: Explore community-based models of care and review methods of outcome assessment.

DISORDERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS TASK FORCE

CO-CHAIRS: John Whyte, MD, PhD, FACRM; Risa Nakase-Richardson, PhD, FACRM

FOCUS: Conduct systematic reviews, develop clinical guidelines, disseminate materials, and advocate for persons with DOC and their families.

GIRLS AND WOMEN WITH ABI TASK FORCE

CO-CHAIRS: Angela Colantonio, PhD, FACRM; Yelena Goldin, PhD

FOCUS: Develop standards of practice and advocate for the appropriate care of girls and women with ABI.

CHRONIC BRAIN INJURY TASK FORCE

CO-CHAIRS: Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD; Flora Hammond, MD, FACRM

FOCUS: The mission of the task force is to work on a series of projects aimed at understanding and improving long-term (chronic) brain injury outcomes.

MILD TBI TASK FORCE

CHAIR: Noah Silverberg, PhD, RPsych, ABPP

FOCUS: Enhance exposure to and knowledge of key issues in contemporary diagnosis and treatment of mTBI and concussion. Advance the quality of standards of care.

PEDIATRIC/ADOLESCENT TASK FORCE

CO-CHAIRS: Julie Haarbauer-Krupa, PhD; Drew Nagele, PsyD, CBIST

FOCUS: Review research on childhood and adolescent ABI and disseminate information to professionals and consumers. This task force also sponsors the Mark Ylvisaker Memorial Pediatric Brain Injury Symposium at the ACRM Annual Conference.

COMMUNICATION & PROGNOSIS AFTER TBI TASK FORCE

CO-CHAIRS: Rosette Biester, PhD; Chari Hirshson, PhD

FOCUS: Further the understanding of factors that influence long-term outcomes after TBI and influence how factors are communicated to TBI survivors and caregivers.

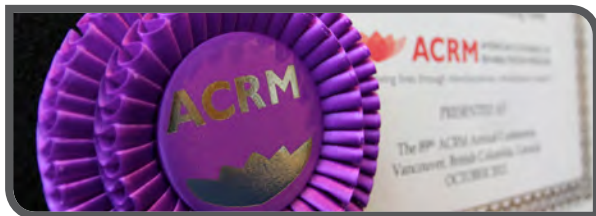
For names and contact details of current task force chairs, visit www.ACRM.org/bi

GET INVOLVED

WHY PARTICIPATE IN BI-ISIG TASK FORCES?

This is where you will find the dedicated researchers and clinicians driving today's advances in brain injury rehabilitation and opportunities to make your own contributions to the field.

- Contribute to scientific publishing for BI rehabilitation
- Co-develop and present educational courses; earn CME/CEU credits
- Participate in joint research
- Develop position papers
- Develop and exercise leadership skills
- Influence high standards for rehabilitation research and practice
- Advocate for appropriate access to high quality rehabilitative healthcare
- Receive recognition for your contributions to the field and ACRM
- Support the ACRM mission to **IMPROVE LIVES through interdisciplinary rehabilitation medicine**



SOME BI-ISIG TASK FORCE PRODUCTS...

The ACRM BI-ISIG is prolific. This is just a small sample of the recent products produced:

INFORMATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- 5 Evidence-based reviews of cognitive rehabilitation, 2000-13
- 11 Papers on disorders of consciousness after TBI, 2013
- *Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual*, 1st Ed., 2012
- *Principles of Learning in TBI Rehabilitation*, 2011
- Evidence-based review on assessment of disorders of consciousness, 2010
- *Aging with Brain Injury*, 2005

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES AT THE ACRM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Coping-Skills Training Workshop: A Group Intervention Aimed to Improve Adjustment after Brain Injury
- Integrative Cognitive Rehabilitation Psychotherapy for Brain Injury: An Overview
- Holistic Neuropsychological Rehabilitation: International Updates, Debates and Resources

COGNITIVE REHABILITATION TRAININGS

- 18+ workshops presented nationally and internationally, 2012 to present
- Based on evidence-based treatments from *Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual*

BI-ISIG AWARDS



The BI-ISIG proudly recognizes excellence in rehabilitation research with several prestigious awards. Find more information about these awards including history and criteria at ACRM.org/bi.

DR. JOSHUA B. CANTOR SCHOLAR AWARD

Presented to a BI-ISIG member to recognize outstanding research in the field of BI rehabilitation and life after TBI

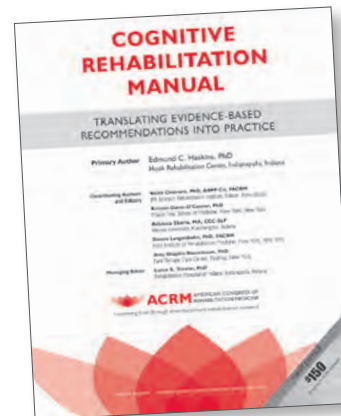
EARLY CAREER ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

BI-ISIG Early Career members are invited to apply for a travel scholarship to attend the ACRM Annual Conference held every Fall.

EARLY CAREER POSTER AWARD Given to an early career researcher as first author of an outstanding BI scientific poster presented at the ACRM Annual Conference

DAVID STRAUSS MEMORIAL POSTER AWARD

Awarded to first author of the best scientific poster with a post-acute TBI recovery theme presented at the ACRM Annual Conference.



Available for purchase at ACRM.org/cog and on Amazon.com, the ACRM Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual, the two-day live trainings, and the NEW online training are the result of many years of hard work from BI-ISIG members.



ACRM Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG) executive committee

MEETINGS...

ACRM **PROGRESS IN REHABILITATION RESEARCH**
Annual Conference 

Every **AUTUMN**



MARK YLVISAKER MEMORIAL PEDIATRIC BI SYMPOSIUM

In 2015, the BI-ISIG *Pediatric & Adolescent Brain Injury Task Force*, led by Julie Haarbauer-Krupa and Drew Nagele, started a Memorial Symposium to honor the work of Mark Ylvisaker, PhD and perpetuate his message. Dr. Ylvisaker

gained worldwide distinction for his ground-breaking approaches to brain injury rehabilitation and his clinical work with children with disabilities. Dr. Ylvisaker pushed colleagues to think about the person, their motivation, and surroundings. The power of his positive personality helped change untold lives for the better.

NONSTOP CONTENT

To fully experience the BI-ISIG, one **MUST ATTEND** the Conference. The **ACRM Conference: Progress in Rehabilitation Research (PIRR)** held every fall, offers rehabilitation researchers, providers, administrators, students, and patients the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge **RESEARCH** informing best practices for rehabilitative care, plus **NONSTOP** content and **CME/CEUs** for 20+ diagnoses and focus areas.. **SUBMIT / ATTEND:** www.ACRMconference.org.



SHELDON BERROL MEMORIAL CHAUTAUQUA

Named in honor of Dr. Shelly Berrol's famous "Let's talk" invitation to his colleagues and friends, the Sheldon Berrol Memorial Chautauqua was inaugurated in 1994 by John Banja and Larry Cervelli. It is a BI-ISIG special event held yearly during the **ACRM Annual Conference** to explore topics that provoke questions of values, ethics, and humanism in brain injury rehabilitation — questions that reflect Shelly Berrol's intellectual passion and address timely and sometimes controversial issues.

EDUCATION > NETWORKING > PAPERS > POSTERS > EXPO > FRIENDSHIPS



ACRM  **MID-YEAR MEETING (MYM)**

Every **SPRING**

Smaller in scale and more casual, the **ACRM MYM** is another annual key gathering for BI-ISIG members. The MYM provides plenty of opportunities to jump in, get involved, meet and work with Task Force members face-to-face. This event is all about "getting things done" amidst a super-charged atmosphere and a friendly collaborative environment. All this and **FREE registration for ACRM members:** www.ACRM.org/MYM



"ACRM is the only place where I can get cutting-edge research and see all my friends — not only from around the country but from around the world. This is the best place to go to get new information and to network, *network*, NETWORK."

— Dr. Tessa Hart, PhD, FACRM, Institute Scientist, Moss Rehabilitation Research Institute, Elkins Park, PA

JOIN... **ACRM** is the membership community of choice for the top rehabilitation researchers in the world.

“The Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group is one of the most productive and prolific groups in the organization and I would make the case that it is probably one of the most productive in the world in terms of scientific publishing, in terms of practice, and even driving new policy”

— Joseph Giacino, PhD, FACRM, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA



HOW TO JOIN

JOIN ACRM

The opportunity to fully participate in your choice of more than 20 specialized ACRM community groups, (including interdisciplinary special interest groups (ISIGs), networking groups, and forming groups) is one of the most valuable benefits of ACRM membership.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP is available at various levels and includes a subscription to the most-cited journal in rehabilitation, Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and discounted member pricing on all ACRM products and events.

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JOIN COMMUNITY GROUPS

MEMBERS — FREE to join as many groups as you like

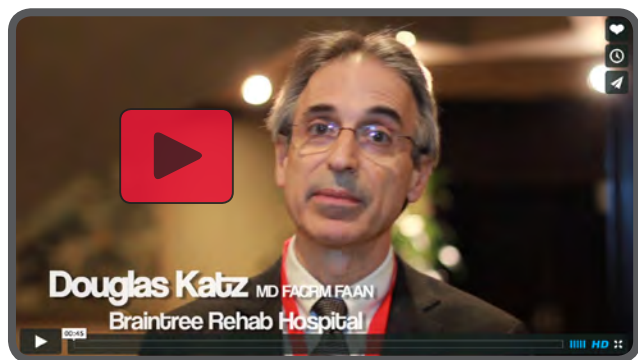
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- 3) In the left pane, click “Join a Community Group”
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NON-MEMBERS

- **JOIN AN ISIG** Participation in ACRM Interdisciplinary Special Interest Groups (ISIGs) is restricted to ACRM members and ISIG Only members.
- **ISIG ONLY MEMBERSHIP** allows non-members to participate in the ISIG of their choice at the non-renewable rate of \$95 for an introductory two-year period. This offer exclusively permits first-time members to participate fully in one ISIG without the benefits of full ACRM membership. Join online or print an ISIG Only Membership application.
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ACRM serves a global community of researchers and clinicians striving to deliver evidence-based rehabilitation interventions to people with disabling conditions, such as traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, neurodegenerative disease, pain, cancer, and more. ACRM is committed to the dissemination of research and educating providers while supporting advocacy efforts to ensure adequate public funding of research endeavors.



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