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.

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MOVING AHEAD

This semi-annual 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 MEMBER BENEFITS

• Participation in BI-ISIG Task Forces
• Moving Ahead semi-annual newsletter
• 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
• Continuing education opportunities
• 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
• Meeting pioneers in the field, mentors, and potential research collaborators
• Advancing the field by helping to translate and disseminate cutting-edge research into clinical guidelines and practice
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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, HSSP, FACRM

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: Conduct collaborative research and knowledge mobilization relevant to 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: Position Open. Please contact BI-ISIG Chair, Jennifer Bogner at jennifer.bogner@osumc.edu for details
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 ABI occurring during childhood and adolescence. Disseminate information to professionals and consumers.

COMMUNICATION & PROGNOSIS AFTER TBI TASK FORCE
CO-CHAIRS: Rosette Biester, PhD; Chari Hirshson, PhD
FOCUS: Survey and make recommendations on prognostic information given to BI survivors and caregivers.

Names and contact details for current task force chairs: www.ACRM.org/bi
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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

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 Mid-Year Meeting held every Fall.

EARLY CAREER MID-YEAR MEETING TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP
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EARLY CAREER POSTER AWARD
Given to an early career researcher as first author of an outstanding BI scientific poster exhibited at the ACRM Annual Conference

DAVID STRAUSS MEMORIAL POSTER AWARD
Presented to first author of a scientific poster with a post-acute recovery theme at the ACRM Annual Conference

GIRLS & WOMEN WITH ABI EARLY CAREER POSTER AWARD
Presented to an early career researcher who is first author of a scientific poster at the ACRM Annual Conference with the theme of women’s issues

ACRM members Jim Malec and Dawn Neumann. Photo courtesy of Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana, ACRM Institutional Member.

SOME BI-ISIG TASK FORCE PRODUCTS...

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 for Survivors of Brain Injury and Caregivers,” 2014
• “Fatigue in Traumatic Brain Injury: Current State of Knowledge and Future Direction,” 2014
• “Diagnosis, Serial Tracking, and Prognosis of the Severely Brain Injured Patient,” 2013
• “Cognitive Rehabilitation For Children: Past and Present,” 2013

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• 18+ workshops presented nationally and internationally, 2012 - 2017
• Based on evidence-based treatments from Cognitive Rehabilitation Manual

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INTERDISCIPLINARY MEETINGS...

ACRM Annual Conference

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.

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.

ACRM Mid-Year Meeting (MYM)

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

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 more than a dozen diagnoses and focus areas..


EDUCATION > NETWORKING > PAPERS > POSTERS > EXPO > FRIENDSHIPS

INTERDISCIPLINARY
“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

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