



Call for Posters
BIAPA 2025 Annual Conference
June 30 - July 1, 2025
SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Friday, February 2, 2025

You are invited to submit a Poster Proposal. This year's theme is:

Celebrating an Empowered Brain Injury Community: A Conference for Survivors, Care Partners, and Professionals

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA) has been holding an Annual Conference for over two decades and it is typically attended by 300 or more people. Among the annual brain injury conferences held across the country, BIAPA's Annual Conference has been recognized for its commitment to designing and offering a conference with content for survivors of brain injuries, their family members and care partners, as well as the multidisciplinary practitioners, researchers, educators, and students who make up this ever-emerging field. This inclusive conference provides opportunities for networking and communication among all stakeholders, as needed to advance the field. The Annual Conference is an important part of BIAPA's mission to foster a community of education, advocacy, support, and research to maximize the quality of life for individuals with brain injuries, their families, and their communities.

In addition to the presentations at the conference, posters are another excellent way to share your expertise and contribute to advances in the field of brain injury rehabilitation overall, and to support BIAPA. Professionals attending the conference typically include certified brain injury specialists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, social workers, nurses, psychologists, therapeutic recreation specialists, vocational rehabilitation counselors, cognitive rehabilitation therapists, physicians, case managers, personal care home administrators, individuals with interest in alternative treatments, and representatives from various fields of health care. Many survivors and their family members, significant others, and caregivers attend the conference and have expressed interest in seeing posters related to their current and future needs. Posters can be authored by one or more individuals, and poster proposals jointly submitted by survivors and professionals are encouraged.

In response to the validation expressed by past attendees of the knowledge gained from viewing the posters, the Conference Committee is planning to highlight the posters in new ways at the 2025 Annual Conference. All poster authors will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from BIAPA.

In advance of the conference, anonymous/undisclosed raters will review all the posters using a rating tool approved by the Conference Committee. At the conclusion of the conference, the Conference Committee co-chairs will recognize all the posters and will announce the poster with the highest score based on the ratings. We encourage you to submit a poster proposal, as we hope to enlarge this educational aspect of the Annual Conference. We encourage posters in the following categories:

- Clinical Information and Innovative Practices
- Research (Completed or Current)
- Family and Caregiver Issues
- Advocacy and Support
- Community Inclusion

General Information:

- The conference is scheduled for two days in order to provide extensive knowledge and a significant number of continuing education units. The dates for the 2025 Annual Conference are Monday, June 30, and Tuesday, July 1, 2025.
- The conference will be held at the Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center in Lancaster, PA.
- The posters will be displayed in highly visible locations, and the conference schedule will include specific times to visit the poster displays.
- Handouts are optional for posters. Copies of the handout(s) must be supplied by the poster author(s) and be available at the poster display.
- **Complete poster proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2025. For your convenience, the proposal format is a fillable PDF.** Poster authors will be notified by March 1, 2025, if their proposal has been accepted.

Poster Proposal Submission Guidelines:

- Posters must be no larger than 36" X 48".
- Posters must be mounted on sturdy foam or thick cardboard and be able to be placed on an easel. An easel for each poster will be provided at the conference.
- Individual or co-authored poster proposals may be submitted. Proposals co-authored by professionals and persons with brain injury or their care partners are encouraged.
- Individuals or groups may submit more than one poster proposal, but a separate proposal must be completed for each poster.
- Submission of a proposal does not guarantee that your poster will be selected. The Conference Committee reserves the right to make final poster selections.
- Poster authors must be careful to use disability-sensitive language throughout their poster (e.g., using "person first" terminology and avoiding stereotypes).
- **Posters may NOT promote a specific company, product, or service. Marketing is prohibited.**
- Poster authors who are selected for the 2025 Annual Conference agree to abide by **ALL** deadlines established by the Conference Committee.

Poster Selection Guidelines/Criteria:

- Posters should reflect the conference theme and address at least one of the many suggested topics listed below.
- The poster will describe knowledge, strategies, and skills that can be applied immediately or that will enhance brain injury rehabilitation or research.
- The quality of the content and the visual presentation will meet professional standards.

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Suggested Topics

Caregiver/Care Partner Concerns

- Specific Parenting Concerns/Issues and Strategies for Caregivers/Care Partners
- Compassion Fatigue for Caregivers/Care Partners
- Ways to Promote Community Inclusion
- The Importance of Social Connections for Care Partners

Compensatory Strategies for Cognitive Enhancement

- Attention
- Memory
- Executive Functions
- Lack of Awareness (Anosognosia)

COVID Post-Brain Injury

- Complications for Persons with Brain Injury
- Treatment, Considerations, and Interventions for Long COVID

Creation of Meaningful and Productive Activity Patterns

- Pre-vocational/Vocational Activities – Resume Writing, Preparation for Interviews, and Decision-Making Regarding Disclosure
- Exploration and Development of Avocational Interests after Brain Injury
- Social Skills Development and Interaction Practice in Preparation for Vocational/Avocational Activities
- The Importance of “Soft Skills” in Employment
- Strategies to Enhance Community Inclusion

Management of Financial Stressors Following Brain Injury

- SSI/SSDI/Special Needs Trusts; Guardianship/POA Issues
- Long-term Disability Issues and Concerns
- Access to Funding for Brain Injury Rehabilitation – PHIP/CHC
- Risks Related to the Internet and Social Media: Financial Scams

Managing Professional Achievements and Challenges as a Rehabilitation Provider

Mild TBI/Post-concussion Syndrome (PCS)

- Fatigue, Headache, and Pain Strategies and Management
- Mood Disorders and Neuropsychiatric Sequelae
- Emotional Regulation

Mood Regulation

- Depression, Anxiety, Suicidality, Anger
- Treatment Options – Psychotherapy, Medication Management, and Alternatives

Pediatric and Adolescent Issues

- Course of Recovery and Developmental Milestones after Pediatric Brain Injury
- Treatment Considerations for Adolescents after Brain Injury
- Academic Challenges and Supports across the Educational Continuum
- Post-secondary Education and Vocational Training following Brain Injury
- Navigating Familial Relationships and Roles
- The Role and Impact of Brain Injury on Siblings
- Building Social Connections for Children and Adolescents with Brain Injury
- Current Trends in Pediatric Brain Injury Treatment and Research Modalities

Relationships and Intimacy Post-Brain Injury

- Maintaining Established Relationships
- Creating New Relationships with Intimate Partners
- Relationship-Building with Others
- Navigating Relationships Safely
- Navigating Familial Relationships
- Safe Sex: Discussions with Partners about Needs/Wants
- Developing a Support Community

Resources

- Pennsylvania’s State-Based Resources
- Brain Injury Coalition Resources

The Aging Brain

- Common Problems for Aging Survivors
- Recent Research on the Aging Brain

Update on Research

- Model Systems Update
- Research in Progress
- Single-Subject Designs and Data Collection Methods for Clinicians
- Outcome Data
- Measurement of Quality of Life

Vulnerable Groups

- Substance Misuse and Brain Injury
- Intimate Partner Violence and Brain Injury
- Incarceration and Brain Injury
- Persons with Brain Injury Who Are Unhoused
- Community Support for LGBTQIA+ Individuals with Brain Injury
- Ethical Considerations in the Care of Persons with Brain Injuries

Wellness Initiatives Following Brain Injury

- Yoga, Meditation, Mindfulness, Tai Chi
- The Role of Nutrition After Acquired Brain Injury
- Acupuncture
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Its Role in Wellness after Acquired Brain Injury
- Music, Art, Equestrian, and Pet Therapies
- Adaptive Vacation Programs
- The Benefits of Retreats for Brain Injury Survivors

Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania Poster Submission Form for 2025

Poster Proposal

Name of Each Poster Author: Please provide the **full name and credentials** of each author of the poster.

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Title of Poster (Required):

Category (Check one):

- Clinical Information and Innovative Practices
- Research (Completed or Current)
- Family and Caregiver Issues
- Advocacy, Services, and Support
- Community Inclusion

Poster Description (Required for all proposals): Please provide a 100-WORD description of the poster content. The Conference Committee reserves the right to edit descriptions for the conference brochure.

Poster Author(s) Information

An information form must be completed for EACH person contributing to the poster display.
All information is required.

Check here if you are the primary contact:

Full Name and Credentials _____

Agency/Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Current Job Title _____

Author(s) CV, Resume, or Biosketch: All poster authors or co-authors must attach a CV, resume, or biographical sketch.

Completed Poster Proposals must be received by **Friday, February 2, 2025.**

Proposal Submission Task List:

- Poster Proposal*
- Presenter Information for each author*
- Resume, CV, or biographical sketch (“biosketch”) attached for each author*

Email: admin@biapa.org – An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your proposal.

PLEASE NOTE – Email is strongly preferred. Upon receipt of your proposal, an email confirmation will be sent to you. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of your submission, please contact Sandra Powell. BIAPA is not responsible for lost submissions.

Mail: Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania
947 Wayne Avenue, No. 110
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Questions: Email Sandra Powell at admin@biapa.org, or call her at 833-242-7248.

Poster Author Registration Fee: In accordance with our conference policy, no fee or honorarium will be provided for the development or display of your poster. We appreciate your commitment to the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania and the expertise you will provide to support its mission. **If you plan to attend the conference, the conference allows one author to register at a reduced registration fee; a discounted registration form will be provided for the selected posters. Additional authors must register at the full conference rate. Poster authors attending conference sessions and requesting continuing education units must pay the applicable CEU fee for their discipline.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST/DISCLOSURE FORM

The potential for conflicts of interest exists when an individual has the ability to control or influence the content of an educational activity and has a financial relationship with a commercial interest*, the products or services of which are pertinent to the content of the educational activity.

***Commercial interest** is any entity producing, marketing, reselling, or distributing healthcare goods or services consumed by or used on patients, or an entity that is owned or controlled by an entity that produces, markets, resells, or distributes healthcare goods or services consumed by or used on patients. Commercial Interest Organizations may be ineligible to present.

An organization is NOT a **Commercial Interest Organization** if it is:

- A government entity;
- A non-profit (503(c)) organization;
- A provider of clinical services directly to patients, including but not limited to hospitals, health care agencies and independent health care practitioners;
- An entity the sole purpose of which is to improve or support the delivery of health care to patients, including but not limited to providers or developers of electronic health information systems, database systems, and quality improvement systems;
- A non-healthcare related entity whose primary mission is not producing, marketing or selling or distributing health care goods or services consumed by or used on patients.
- Liability insurance providers
- Health insurance providers
- Group medical practices
- Acute care hospitals (for profit and not for profit)
- Rehabilitation centers (for profit and not for profit)
- Nursing homes (for profit and not for profit)
- Blood banks
- Diagnostic laboratories

Reference: Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards of Commercial Support, August 2007 (www.accme.org) - ANCC's definition is intended to ensure compliance with Food and Drug Administration Guidance on Industry-Supported Scientific and Educational Activities and consistency with the ACCME definition

All individuals who have the ability to control or influence the content of an educational activity must disclose all financial or non-financial **relevant relationships**** with any commercial interest, including but not limited to members of the Conference Committee, speakers, presenters, authors, and/or content reviewers. Relevant relationships must be disclosed to the learners during the time when the relationship is in effect and for 12 months afterward. All information disclosed must be shared with the participants/learners prior to the start of the educational activity.

****Relevant relationships** are relationships with a commercial interest if the products or services of the commercial interest are related to the content of the educational activity.

- Relationships with any commercial interest of the individual's spouse/partner may be relevant relationships and must be reported, evaluated, and resolved.
- Evidence of a relevant relationship with a commercial interest may include, but is not limited to, receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (stock and stock options, excluding diversified mutual funds), grants, contracts, or other financial benefit directly or indirectly from the commercial interest.

- Financial benefits may be associated with employment, management positions, independent contractor relationships, other contractual relationships, consulting, speaking, teaching, membership on an advisory committee or review panel, board membership, and other activities from which remuneration is received or expected from the commercial interest.

Is there an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest for yourself or spouse/partner?

Yes No

If yes, complete the questions below for all actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest:

Relationship with (Name of Company) _____

Nature of relationship _____

Relationship with (Name of Company) _____

Nature of relationship _____

** All conflicts of interest, including potential ones, must be resolved prior to the implementation, or evaluation of the conference.

DISCLOSURE OF UNLABELED / INVESTIGATIONAL USES OF PRODUCTS:

The content of my poster **WILL NOT** include discussion of unapproved or investigational uses of products or devices.

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Describe _____

If yes, this information must be disclosed to the attendees.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

An "X" in the box below serves as the electronic signature of the individual completing this Conflict of Interest/Disclosure Form and attests to the accuracy of the information stated above.

Electronic Signature (Required) **Date** _____

Completed By: Name and Credentials _____