



## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Brain Injury

Advancing Evidence Informed Clinical Care,  
Rehabilitation Outcomes and  
Lifelong Living

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North American Brain Injury Society (NABIS)  
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### **ABOUT NABIS**

The North American Brain Injury Society (NABIS) is a leading multidisciplinary professional organization dedicated to advancing research, clinical practice, and lifelong care for individuals living with brain injury.

### **CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

The North American Brain Injury Society (NABIS) 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is the premier multidisciplinary brain injury meeting in North America, convening clinicians, researchers, and leaders shaping the future of neurorehabilitation and lifelong care.

Guided by the theme “*Advancing Evidence-Informed Clinical Care, Rehabilitation Outcomes and Lifelong Living*,” the conference brings together internationally recognized experts to share cutting-edge research, clinical innovations, and evidence-informed best practices across the continuum of brain injury care.

### **CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE**

- 300+ multidisciplinary attendees representing clinical, research, advocacy, policy, and industry sectors

- 150+ peer-reviewed scientific abstracts highlighting cutting-edge research and clinical innovations
- Electronic poster gallery enabling expanded dissemination of emerging science
- 30 exhibitors and supporters — SOLD OUT, representing industry leaders, nonprofits, and service organizations
- Collaborative programming and joint sessions with national brain injury organizations and institutions
- Dynamic networking and engagement events, including receptions, symposia, and live knowledge-exchange opportunities

### **EDUCATIONAL SCOPE**

- Acute and chronic brain injury management
- Neurorehabilitation and recovery trajectories
- Cognitive, behavioral, and psychosocial outcomes
- Pediatric and adult brain injury
- Community reintegration and lifelong living
- Translational research and emerging technologies

### **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- International keynote faculty and plenary sessions
- Cutting-edge research and clinical innovative sessions
- Pre-Conference focus on mTBI and Disorders of Consciousness, featuring emerging technologies and clinical strategies
- Scientific oral and poster abstract presentations
- Interactive workshops and training sessions
- Exhibit Hall and high-impact networking events
- NABIS Live Podcast Studio and collaborative sessions with other affiliates

### **SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Pediatric and adult traumatic brain injury research
- Neurorehabilitation and disorders of consciousness
- Biomarkers, neuroimaging, and translational neuroscience
- Long-term outcomes and neurodegeneration after brain injury
- Clinical guidelines, policy frameworks, and systems-level care delivery
- Emerging technologies and therapeutic innovations

The interactive program provides detailed session descriptions, speaker profiles, and real-time scheduling to support attendee engagement and planning.

## **FEATURED GLOBAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

- Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD – Mount Sinai
  - Prominent in TBI outcomes, chronic brain injury models, and NIH-funded research.
- Geoffrey T. Manley, MD, PhD – Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital
  - Global leader in TBI research and translational neurotrauma; highly cited, involved in large consortia and policy-relevant research.
- Jonathan Lifshitz, PhD – University of Michigan
  - Known for translational neurotrauma research bridging basic science to clinical care.

## **RECOGNIZED THOUGHT LEADERS**

- Joseph T. Giacino, PhD – Harvard/Spaulding Rehab
  - International authority on disorders of consciousness and neurorehabilitation outcomes.
- Ramon Diaz-Arrastia, MD, PhD – University of Pennsylvania
  - Major figure in neurodegeneration after TBI and biomarkers research.
- Grant Iverson, PhD – Harvard Medical School
  - One of the most cited concussion researchers globally.
- Christopher Giza, MD – University of California Los Angeles
  - Leading pediatric concussion researcher and policy advisor.
- Keith Yeates, PhD – University of Calgary
  - Global leader in pediatric brain injury and neuropsychology outcomes research.

## **POLICY / PRACTICE / SYSTEMS LEADERS**

- Flora Hammond, MD – Indiana University School of Medicine
- Brian Greenwald, MD – Rutgers
- Nathan Zasler, MD – Concussion Care Centre of Virginia
- Sidney R. Hinds II, MD (COL Ret.) – US Army / Major League Soccer Players Association

## **ABSTRACTS AND PUBLICATION**

Accepted abstracts will be published in the *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation* and presented in oral and poster formats.

## **ACCREDITATION & CME/CE**

NABIS offers continuing education opportunities for physicians and rehabilitation professionals.

- Physicians | Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™
- Nurses | American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- Psychologists | American Psychological Association (APA)
- Social Workers | National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Occupational Therapists | ACCME Non-Physician CE Credit
- Physical Therapists | ACCME Non-Physician CE Credit
- Rehabilitation Counselors | Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC)
- Case Managers | Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC)
- Speech-Language | American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- General Participation Certificate Provided to other attendees not included above.

## **PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS**

Collaborative Brain Injury Summit

NABIS is part of a multi-organization summit bringing together BIAA, NASHIA, and NABIS to foster interdisciplinary collaboration across research, clinical care, advocacy, and policy.

#NABIS2026 includes collaborative sessions and events with national and international brain injury organizations and institutions, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and partnership development. Joint programming with organizations such as BIAA, NASHIA and other national brain injury stakeholders will highlight policy, advocacy, and systems-level innovation.

Networking receptions, symposia, and social activities are designed to catalyze collaboration across research, clinical practice, advocacy, and industry.

## **AUDIENCE & INFLUENCE**

- Physicians (PM&R, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Psychiatry)
- Neuropsychologists and neuroscientists
- Rehabilitation professionals (PT, OT, SLP, vocational therapists)
- Case managers and social workers
- Researchers, educators, administrators, and policy leaders
- Military, legal, and advocacy professionals

## **GRAPHICS**

Logo: [Click here](#).

Conference Banner: [Click here](#).

## **CONTACT & QUICK LINKS FOR SHARING**

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Program Overview: <https://braininjurysummit2026.org/program-nabis/>

Conference Website: <https://braininjurysummit2026.org/about/nabis/>

Exhibit & Support Opportunities: <https://braininjurysummit2026.org/support-nabis/>

Interactive Program: <https://virtual.oxfordabstracts.com/event/75740/homepage>

Hashtag: #NABIS2026

## **PRESS MEDIA BLURB**

The North American Brain Injury Society (NABIS) will host its 18th Annual Conference on Brain Injury, March 11–13, 2026, in Washington, DC, bringing together clinicians, researchers, and rehabilitation leaders from across North America and beyond. Held as part of the Collaborative Brain Injury Summit, the conference will showcase cutting-edge research, clinical innovations, and evidence-informed approaches across the continuum of brain injury care—from acute management to lifelong living. Peer-reviewed abstracts will be presented in oral and poster formats, with accepted work published in the *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*. Media outlets, professional journals, and organizational newsletters are encouraged to highlight this premier multidisciplinary forum shaping the future of brain injury science and practice. #NABIS2026 provides a timely forum to shape the future of brain injury research, rehabilitation, and policy, with implications for healthcare systems, communities, and individuals living with brain injury worldwide.