



# BRAIN INJURY FLORIDA

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## Speaker Information Form

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference

May 14-15, 2026

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

**October 15, 2025**

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

## **Brain Injury Florida 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference/UF Research Summit Supporting and Empowering Florida's Brain Injury Action Plan**

The Conference hosts approximately 350 attendees, including professionals, researchers, educators, persons with lived experience of brain injury, family members, students, and volunteers. Attendees at the conference have varying levels of experience in working with or living with brain injuries. The Conference is designed to ensure that attendees leave with greater knowledge of effective strategies, best practices, and cutting-edge research and to have opportunities to network and build relationships.

Presentations are a great way to share your expertise and contribute to advances in the field of brain injury rehabilitation. Professionals attending typically include certified brain injury specialists, researchers, 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.

### **General Information:**

- Dates for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference are Thursday (half day) and Friday (full day) May 14-15, 2026. The UF Research Symposium will overlap with the BIF Conference on Thursday May 14.
- The Conference will be held at the University of Florida, Research & Academic Center, Lake Nona, 6550 Sanger Road, Orlando, FL 32827.
- Educational sessions last 60 minutes: 50 minutes for the formal presentation and 10 minutes for questions and answers.
- **Presentation proposals, including resume/CV, session outline, quiz questions (Total 6), and journal references must be received by 12 PM on October 15, 2025**
- **Presentation materials in an electronic format are required for each session. The deadline for submission of presentation materials is May 1, 2026.** Session handouts will be made available to attendees via the BIF website.
- In submitting a presentation for consideration, presenters must agree to **meeting the submission deadlines.**

### **Presentation Proposal Submission Guidelines:**

- Presenters should be careful to use person first language and disability-sensitive language throughout their submission (e.g., avoiding stereotypes, cultural biases).
- **Presenters may NOT use an educational session as an opportunity to promote a company, product or service, verbally or in writing. Marketing is prohibited.**
- Presenters must agree to abide by ALL deadlines established by the Conference Committee.

### **Presentation Guidelines/Criteria**

- Topics should be consistent with the conference theme.
- Attendees should gain knowledge, strategies and skills that can be applied immediately.
- The workshop format stimulates audience participation.
- The quality of the content meets professional literature standards and includes journal references to relevant, timely and recent evidence-based research and best practices.
- The resume/CV provides evidence of public-speaking experience.

## Conference Tracks and Suggested Topics

- **Brain Injury Rehabilitation and Recovery**
  - Aphasia and Stroke Rehabilitation
  - Brain Injury and Behavior
  - Health and Nutrition – Supporting Recovery After Brain Injury
  - Research in Rehabilitation
  - Substance Abuse and Brain Injury
  - Cognitive Rehabilitation
- **Innovation and Assistive Technologies**
  - AI and Machine Learning in Brain Injury Rehabilitation
  - Evidence Based Emerging Tools and Software for Therapy and Diagnostics
- **Community and Systematic Approaches**
  - Addressing Brain Injury in Corrections
  - Community Integration and Life-Long Living Approaches
  - Transdisciplinary Collaboration in Brain Injury Rehabilitation
  - Return to Work/School Process
- **Support for Caregivers and People with Lived Experience**
  - Caregiver Fatigue
  - Community Systematic Approaches – Day programming, Clubhouse, Summer camps, Support Groups
  - Treating grief and sleep disturbances post injury
  - Panel consisting of family, person with lived experiences, clinical supports
  - Struggles with personal identity following brain injury

### Presentation Submission Form

**Name of each presenter:** Please provide the full name and credentials of each person presenting or participating in the presentation.

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**Title of Presentation (*Required*):**

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**Applicable Focus Area:**

- ☐ Brain Injury Rehabilitation and Recovery
- ☐ Innovative Assistive Technologies
- ☐ Community and Systemic Approaches
- ☐ Support for Caregivers and Persons with Lived Experience

**Presentation Audience (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Family Members/Caregivers
- ☐ Personal Care/Support Staff
- ☐ Professional Staff

**Abstract (*Required for all proposals*):** Please provide a 100-WORD description of the topic content, describing the main topic and subtopics. The Conference Committee reserves the right to edit session descriptions:

**Session Objectives (*Required*):** By completing the sentences below, provide three specific learning outcomes and/or knowledge/skills attendees will take away from your session:

1) At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

2) At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

3) At the conclusion of this session, the participant will be able to:

**Session Journal References (*Required*):** Please provide at least 3 recent journal references (within the last 5 years) of relevant peer-reviewed articles that will support the contents of your presentation.

1) Journal Reference 1

2) Journal Reference 2

3) Journal Reference 3

## PRESENTER INFORMATION

An information form must be completed for EACH presenter.  
All information is required.

Full Name and Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter Brief Bio (*Required*):** Provide a 100 word, one-paragraph biography for each presenter that will illustrate the presenter's expertise in relation to the proposed topic and **his/her public-speaking experience**.

**Presenter Resume or Curriculum Vitae (*Required*):** Professional presenters must attach their resume or curriculum vitae, including educational history, as an electronic file.

**Presenter Picture:** Attach a recent headshot that may be used for marketing the conference

Check here if you are the primary speaker \_\_\_\_\_

## **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](http://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)**

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**Nature of relationship**

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**Relationship with (Name of Company)**

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## Nature of relationship

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

## DISCLOSURE OF UNLABELED / INVESTIGATIONAL USES OF PRODUCTS:

- ☐ The content of my presentation or materials in this presentation **WILL NOT** include discussion of unapproved or investigational uses of products or devices.
- ☐ The content of my presentation or materials in this presentation **WILL** include discussion of unapproved or investigational uses of products or devices. If this box is checked please describe further the unapproved or investigational use:

**If unapproved or investigational use is included, speakers must disclose this information to the participants.**

## **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 given above.

☐ **Electronic Signature (Required)**                      Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed By: Name and Credentials:**

**Completed Proposals must be received by 12 PM on October 15, 2025.**

## **Proposal Submission Task List:**

- ***Presentation Proposal***
- ***Presenter Information for each proposed presenter***
- ***Conflict of Interest/Disclosure Form for each proposed presenter***
- ***Resume or CV attached for each proposed presenter***
- ***References***
- ***Signed agreement to provide presentation materials***
- ***Professional headshot photo in a .JPEG or .PNG file format***

**Email completed form with above attachments to [DNagele@BrainInjuryFL.org](mailto:DNagele@BrainInjuryFL.org)**

Upon receipt of your proposal, an email confirmation will be sent, and after review by Conference Committee, the presenter(s) will be notified if the proposal is accepted for presentation.

## **Presenter Registration Fee:**

In accordance with our conference policy, no fee or honorarium will be provided for presenting at the Conference. **BIF provides a reduced registration fee for presenters.** A discounted registration category will be provided for presenters.