



Interior Health

## **Assessment and Treatment of Cognitive-Communication Disorders after ABI**

Presented by

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Friday, September 22 & Saturday, September 23, 2017

This two-day course for speech-language pathologists will examine cognitive-communication disorders across the continuum of care in individuals who have an acquired brain injury. Day 1 will focus on the earlier stages of intervention including assessment and treatment of coma, confusion, and return to community living. and return to work. Day 2 will focus on higher level or subtle cognitive-communication deficits associated with concussion/mild brain injury or persisting deficits in later stages of recovery after ABI. Participants will be engaged in discussions, demonstrations, and case analyses to highlight themes and techniques for clinical application.

### **About the Presenter:**

Sheila MacDonald is a registered SLP with over 29 years of experience in assessing and treating individuals with brain injuries. Her clinical work spans acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient, and community services with an emphasis on return to work, school, and community communications. Her experience includes the development of two standardized tests, practice guidelines, publications on evidence based practice, clinical short courses, and participation in the Academy of Neurological Communication Disorders TBI Evidence Based Practice Committee.

## **Learning Objectives:**

### **Day One: Coma to Community**

1. Present a framework for understanding cognitive-communication impairments associated with acquired brain injuries and their impact on daily functioning.
2. Discuss a set of principles of intervention following ABI including: an intervention framework that follows the continuum of care, introduction to issues in evidence based practice, and types of intervention.
3. Identify a range of practical treatment methods, strategies, and routines at each stage of intervention including; coma intervention, agitation, confusion, cognitive rehabilitation, and functional integrative methods for return to community, social interactions and work.

### **Day Two: When “mild” is not mild: Management of subtle but significant cognitive- communication difficulties following Acquired Brain Injury.**

1. Identify a range of subtle or higher level cognitive-communication deficits associated with impairments in attention, memory, speed of information processing, reasoning, executive functioning, self-regulation, discourse, and social communication.
2. State evidence-based methods for assessment of subtle cognitive-communication deficits associated with mild or later stage, ABI.
3. Describe a set of evidence based intervention strategies for subtle cognitive-communication deficits
4. Develop an individualized program to address subtle cognitive-communication deficits.



**Course Location:**

Best Western Plus Kelowna Hotel and Suites

2402 Hwy 97 North, Kelowna, BC

Telephone: (250)860-1212

Reservations Toll Free: 1-888-991-5358

**Accommodations:** Accommodation is available at the Best Western Plus Kelowna Hotel and Suites. A limited number of rooms are held for the course until Aug. 25. Identify that you are attending the *IH SLP* event to receive a discount. Other accommodations are nearby including the Holiday Inn Express.

**Sponsor:** This course is made possible by the Allied Health Specialty Education Funds; Interior Health Professional Practice Office

**Day 1**

8:00	Registration
8:30	Welcome and Intros
8:45	SLP Interventions for Coma & Confusion- (Rancho 2,3,4)
10:15	Break
10:30	SLP Interventions for Return to Community Communications (Rancho 5-7)
12:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00	SLP Interventions for Return to Community Communications
2:45	Break
3:00	SLP Interventions for Return to Work
4:30	Wrap-up

**Day 2**

8:00	Registration
8:30	When Mild is Not Mild
10:00	Break
10:15	When Mild is Not Mild
12:00	Lunch (provided)
1:00	When Mild is Not Mild
2:45	Break
3:00	When Mild is Not Mild
4:15	Wrap-up

## **Registration Form: Sheila MacDonald- Assessment and Treatment of Cognitive-Communication Disorders after ABI**

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2016

SLP registration fee is \$300.

Participants must register for both days.

### Registration Information

Name & Title:	Workplace:
Address:	
Email:	Phone:

**Please make cheques payable to:** Interior Health Authority

**Mail cheque and registration form to:**

Royal Inland Hospital

Rehab Dept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl

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**Confirmation:** E-mail confirmation of registration will be sent upon processing

For Further Information: Contact Elizabeth Ekins, RSLP,

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**Cancellation:** A processing fee of \$25 will be charged for cancellations received before September 1, 2016. No refunds will be given after this date.

\*\* Please indicate any food allergies or dietary requirements for lunch:

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