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Concussion Symposium for Legal Practitioners, Insurers, Judges, and Clinicians 2024



Presented by: [Canadian Concussion Centre](#), Toronto Western Hospital, in partnership with the Law Society of Ontario

CHAIR: Dr. Charles H. Tator, OC, MD, PhD, FRCSC, Neurosurgeon
Director, *Canadian Concussion Centre*

May 30, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Total CPD Hours = 6 h 15 m Substantive + 45 m Professionalism 

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Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Welcome & Update

Dr. Charles H. Tator, OC, MD, PhD, FRCSC, Neurosurgeon
Director, *Canadian Concussion Centre*

9:15 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

Update on Diagnostic Biomarkers in Concussion (The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly) (10 m )

Update on biomarkers as evidence (medical perspective/reliability, and legal insight into biomarkers)

Dr. Andrea Para, MD, Neuroradiologist, *Toronto Western Hospital*

Dr. Carmela Tartaglia, MD, FRCPC, Cognitive Neurologist, *Canadian Concussion Centre, Toronto Western Hospital*

Lindsay Charles, *McLeish Orlando LLP*

9:55 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Neuropsychological Assessments - Cognitive Testing, Validity Testing, and the Impact of Symptoms

- **Neuropsychological Assessment in Concussion: Utility and Limitations**

Dr. Robin Green, PhD, C.Psych., Clinical Neuropsychologist, *University Health Network*

- **Symptom and Performance Validity**

Dr. Eliyas Jeffay, Ph.D., C.Psych., Clinical Neuropsychologist, *University Health Network*

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

Break

11:05 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Advances in Treatment of Concussion

Dr. Carmela Tartaglia, MD, FRCPC, Cognitive Neurologist, *Canadian Concussion Centre, Toronto Western Hospital*

Role of Occupational Therapy in Concussion Recovery

Anoli Shah, Occupational Therapist, OT Reg. (Ont.), Altum Health,
University Health Network

11:40 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. Viewpoint From the Bench and Bar on Damages (15 m)

Moderator: The Honourable Karen Weiler, *Court of Appeal for Ontario (Retired)*

Speakers: The Honourable Justice Mark Edwards, *Superior Court of Justice,*
Regional Senior Justice (Central East Region)

The Honourable Justice Grant Dow, *Superior Court of Justice*

Patrick Brown, C.S., *McLeish Orlando LLP*

James Tomlinson, Retired Partner, *McCague Borlack LLP*

12:25 p.m. – 12:40 p.m. Question and Answer Session

12:40 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Lunch

1:40 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Pre-Injury and Post-Injury Factors and Their Interplay in People with Concussion

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2:20 p.m. – 2:55 p.m. Implications of Rowan's Law

The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and
Sport

Dr. Charles H. Tator, OC, MD, PhD, FRCSC, Neurosurgeon
Director, *Canadian Concussion Centre*

Jim Davidson, C.S., *Davidson Cahill Morrison LLP*

2: 55 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Question and Answer Session

3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break


3:30 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. Concussion and the Workplace

Dr. Carmela Tartaglia, MD, FRCPC, Cognitive Neurologist, *Canadian Concussion Centre, Toronto Western Hospital*

Michelle Friedman, *Aviva Trial Lawyers*

Jennifer Heath, *Piccolo Heath LLP*

Anoli Shah, Occupational Therapist, OT Reg. (Ont.), *Altum Health, University Health Network*

4:10 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Tips From the Bench: Preparing a Concussion Case and Oral Advocacy (20 m )

The Honourable Justice Darla Wilson, *Court of Appeal for Ontario*

D. Keith Smockum, *Smockum Zarnett LLP*

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Question and Answer Session

5:00 p.m. Program Ends