



Sexuality and intimacy following acquired brain injury – implications for treatment and therapy

Venue:	Auditorium 1, Hvidovre Hospital, Copenhagen
Address:	Kettegaard Allé 30, 2650 Hvidovre, Denmark
Date:	22 th -23 th of March 2018
Attendees:	Psychologists and neuropsychologists from the Nordic countries
Price:	DKr. 1975
Registration:	From 15 th of November 2017 till 15 th of February 2018 https://kursusportalen.plan2learn.dk/KursusValg.aspx?id=52689
Planning Committee:	Lars Siert, chief neuropsychologist, lars.siert@regionh.dk Pernille Søndergaard, neuropsychologist, pernille.langer.soendergaard@regionh.dk

Fagnævnet har godkendt konferencen med 5 timer under rehabilitering (15.4.4.2.2) og 1 time under neuropsykologiske funktionsforstyrrelser (15.4.4.2.1) til specialisteduceringen i Klinisk Voksenneuropsykologi.

PROGRAM

Thursday 22th of March 2018

13.00 – 14.00	Registration, coffee and snacks
14.00 – 14.15	Opening: Lars Siert, chief neuropsychologist, Rigshospitalet
14.15 – 15.15	Professional training and attitudes towards sexuality problems after traumatic brain Injury Juan Carlos Arango-Lasprilla, research professor, PhD, BioCruces, Bilbao, Spain
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee break
15.45 – 16.45	Sexuality following brain injury

Jennie Ponsford, professor, PhD, neuropsychologist, Melbourne, Australia

16.45 – 17.00

Information

Lars Siert, chief neuropsychologist & Pernille Søndergaard, neuropsychologist, Rigshospitalet

18.00 – 20.00

Conference reception, Copenhagen

Friday 23th of March 2018

9.00 – 9.20

Breakfast and coffee

9.20 – 9.30

Opening: Lars Siert, chief neuropsychologist, Rigshospitalet

9.30 – 10.30

Treatment of problems with intimacy and sexuality in individuals with traumatic brain injury

Juan Carlos Arango-Lasprilla, research professor, PhD, BioCruces, Bilbao, Spain

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

10.45 – 11.45

Assessing neurobehavioral deficits – the use of St. Andrews-Swansea Neurobehavioural Outcome Scale (SASNOS) among Danish patients with severe brain injury

Anne Norup, neuropsychologist, PhD, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark

Pernille Søndergaard, neuropsychologist, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark

11.45 – 12.30

Lunch break

12.30 – 13.15

Psychotherapy approaches specific to brain injury: Observations on core elements and clinical practice

Jaana Sarajuuri, neuropsychologist, Helsinki, Finland

13.15 – 13.45

Coffee break

13.45 – 14.30

Neuropsychotherapy as an integrated part of holistic neurorehabilitation after traumatic brain injury

Jaana Sarajuuri, neuropsychologist, Helsinki, Finland

14.30 – 15.00

Panel discussion: "Future directions and perspectives"

15.00 – 15.15

Closing: Lars Siert, chief neuropsychologist & Pernille Søndergaard, neuropsychologist, Rigshospitalet

Speakers:

Jaana Sarajuuri is a clinical neuropsychologist and has worked three decades primarily with traumatically brain injured patients in a nationwide excellence center for neurorehabilitation in Finland, Validia Rehabilitation Helsinki. There her position was Head of Unit, Clinical Neuropsychology and Psychology, and Clinical Director of the INSURE program, a holistic multidisciplinary neurorehabilitation program for TBI patients which she co-founded in Finland in the 1990s. Her current affiliation is a neuropsychiatric therapy and medical center ProNeuron. Linked to the clinical work she has been accomplishing specialization in neuropsychotherapy, and co-authored a handbook of neuropsychotherapy which was published recently by the Psychology Press. She is a fellow member of the international QOLIBRI Task Force Group which developed and published the first disease-specific measure of health-related quality-of-life after traumatic brain injury. She has authored and co-authored research articles and other publications on TBI rehabilitation, and has been developing a mobile based cognitive rehabilitation program Cognituner in a health technology company. She is a co-founder of the European Holistic Working Group for holistic neurorehabilitation, a former presidium member of the Euroacademia Multidisciplinaria Neurotraumatologica (EMN), and a co-founder and current Vice-Chairman of the Finnish Association for Neuropsychotherapy. After her licenciate dissertation she is currently at the Helsinki University finishing her doctoral thesis which handles comprehensive neurorehabilitation, outcome and experiential perspective after traumatic brain injury. Over the last few years she has been named for the TBI guidelines of care group in Finland as an expert in neuropsychology.

Jennie Ponsford is the Director of the Monash-Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre which was created in 2000. Its aim is to conduct research in trauma rehabilitation, with a view to reducing long-term disability. More than 20 psychologists and researchers are associated with the center and form a dynamic research team. Research focuses have been on management protocols including patients in PTA, rehabilitation of cognitive and behavioral dysfunction, and development and evaluation of community-based models of rehabilitation. Outcome data has also highlighted the frequency of anxiety, depression, fatigue, pain and alcohol use and identified some factors associated with these problems, including coping style, which in turn has sparked further inquiry into psychiatric outcome for survivors of TBI, and psychological factors which affect functional outcome. From 1980 to 2017 Professor Ponsford has published 210 articles and 22 book chapters. She was honored with Robert L. Moody Prize for Distinguished Initiatives in Brain Injury Research and Rehabilitation in 2013 and received Officer of the Order of Australia, A National/international prize of honor in 2017.

Juan Carlos Arango-Lasprilla is currently an Ikerbasque Research Professor at BioCruces Health Research Institute, affiliated with Cruces University Hospital in Barakaldo, Spain. Dr. Arango's areas of expertise are traumatic brain injury and rehabilitation. He has secured over \$5 million dollars in grant funds as PI and co-PI, primarily focusing on cross cultural neuropsychology. He has received national recognition for his work, including early career or emerging professional awards from the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Division 22 and Division 45 of the American Psychological Association and the International Brain Injury Association. Dr. Arango has published more than 300 articles and book chapters. He is well-known both in the US and abroad in his areas of expertise, and has been a guest editor of seven special issues in prominent rehabilitation journals. He currently serves on the editorial boards of 35 journals and is a reviewer for an additional 50 journals around the world. Dr. Arango enjoys teaching and has lectured at

more than 85 different universities across the globe. He was the scientific director of the largest Spanish-speaking normative data study, which was conducted in 12 Latin American countries and Spain.

Anne Norup finished her degree in Psychology from University in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2005, and started working in the TBI unit for severe brain injuries in Copenhagen the same year. After working as a clinician for some years, she started her PhD, which was completed in 2013. Most of her published research has examined the impact of traumatic brain injury on the family, needs and burdens in the family after brain injury and psychosocial effects of TBI in adolescents. Recently, Anne Norup started working in a national project located at the Department of Neurology, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, which examines the effects of acquired brain injury on young people between the ages of 15 to 30. A current interest in the project is fatigue after brain injury and exploring possible interventions. Anne Norup has published 25 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Pernille Søndergaard graduated from the Department of Psychology, University of Copenhagen, in 2012. The same year she started working with rehabilitation of adults with TBI and NTBI 1 to 10 years post injury, provided by the municipality, Odense, Denmark. During this work she was also responsible for relative groups in a municipality setting. After working in the social sector, she started working with treatment and rehabilitation in the sub-acute phase at Department of Neurorehabilitation, TBI Unit, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, 2014. At the unit she is working as a clinician with children, adolescents and adults with severe TBI and NTBI, where the main tasks consist of rating of consciousness, neuropsychological assessments, relative interventions and follow-up. At the moment she is in the process of validating the Danish version of JFK Coma Recovery Scale Revised. She was a member of the board, Danish Center for Neurorehabilitation, 2012-2017 and authorized psychologist in 2015.