

Lunchtime Learning: March 7, 2024 at Noon

mTBI & Concussion:

An update on diagnosis and outcome for forensic and general practice psychologists with Shawn K. Acheson, Ph.D., Forensic Neuropsychologist

This presentation will provide a brief overview of the nature and mechanisms of mTBI as well as a more detailed discussion of the latest ACRM mTBI diagnostic criteria and the systematic development of those criteria. Nature, severity, and time course of mTBI symptoms in addition to current perspectives on post-concussion syndrome will also be presented.

Fee: NCPA Members - \$20.00; Non-members - \$45.00

Instructional Level: Basic

Educational Format: Lecture

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the institute, participants will be able to:

1. list at least 5 of the threshold criteria used in prior mTBI diagnostic schemes,
2. describe at least 2 of the methodological processes employed by ACRM in the development of the new diagnostic criteria,
3. explain at least 3 of the 6 criteria required for a mTBI diagnosis based on the current ACRM classification system.



Instructor:

Shawn K. Acheson, PhD completed his PhD in Clinical Psychology at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL and received specialized training in Clinical Neuropsychology as an intern and post-doc at Duke University Medical Center. During his post-doc he also spent time conducting research in behavioral pharmacology studying the neurodevelopmental effects of recreational drugs such as alcohol and marijuana. From 1998 – 2007 he was a faculty member in the Department of Psychology at Western Carolina University. He returned to Duke and the Durham VA Medical Center in 2007 and in 2010 he joined the Duke Center for Psychiatry and Law where he served as Lead Psychologist from 2015 - 2017. Dr. Acheson is currently in private practice in Asheville, NC where his work is devoted to forensic neuropsychology in criminal and civil proceedings; worker's compensation and independent medical evaluations; litigation support and consulting; and didactic training and clinical supervision. Dr. Acheson is also actively engaged in presenting workshops and training on neuropsychology, traumatic brain injury, and the pharmacology of recreational drugs to attorneys, legal nurse consultants, psychologists, and other mental health professionals.

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