



Call for Posters
BIAPA 2026 Annual Conference
June 22 - 23, 2026
SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Wednesday, December 31, 2025

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

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Across the Lifespan: Achieving Outcomes and Strengthening Community

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA) has been holding an Annual Conference for over two decades, and it is typically attended by 300 or more people. Among the annual brain injury conferences held across the country, BIAPA's Annual Conference has been recognized for its commitment to designing and offering a conference with content for survivors of brain injuries, their family members and caregivers, as well as the multidisciplinary practitioners, researchers, educators, and students who make up this ever-emerging field. This inclusive conference provides opportunities for networking and communication among all stakeholders, as needed to advance the field. The Annual Conference is an important part of BIAPA's mission to foster a community of education, advocacy, support, and research to maximize the quality of life for individuals with brain injuries, their families, and their communities.

In addition to the presentations at the conference, posters are another excellent way to share your expertise and contribute to advances in the field of brain injury rehabilitation overall, and to support BIAPA. Professionals attending the conference typically include certified brain injury specialists, 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 an interest in alternative treatments, and representatives from various fields of health care. Many survivors and their family members, significant others, and caregivers attend the conference and have expressed interest in seeing posters related to their current and future needs. Posters can be authored by one or more individuals, and poster proposals jointly submitted by survivors and professionals are encouraged.

In response to positive feedback from past attendees about the knowledge gained from viewing the posters, the Conference Committee plans to highlight the posters in additional ways at the 2026 Annual Conference. All poster authors will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from BIAPA.

Prior to the conference, all posters will be reviewed by anonymous raters using a scoring tool approved by the Conference Committee. At the conclusion of the conference, the Committee co-chairs will recognize all poster authors and announce the poster that received the highest overall score. We encourage you to submit a poster proposal, as we continue to expand this valuable educational component of the Annual Conference.

General Information:

- The conference is scheduled for two days in order to provide extensive knowledge and a significant number of continuing education units. The dates for the 2026 Annual Conference are **Monday, June 22, and Tuesday, June 23, 2026**.
- The conference will be held at the Lancaster Marriott & Lancaster Convention Center in Lancaster, PA.
- The posters will be displayed in highly visible locations, and the conference schedule will include specific times to visit the poster displays.

- **For 2026, posters will be displayed for one day during the conference.** In recognition of their contribution, **one author per accepted poster** will receive a **complimentary one-day registration** to attend the conference. If there are **multiple authors**, the complimentary registration applies to **one designated author only**; additional authors are welcome to register at the **regular conference rate**.
- Handouts are optional for posters. Copies of the handout(s) must be supplied by the poster author(s) and be available at the poster display.
- **Complete poster proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. For your convenience, the proposal is in a fillable PDF format.** Poster authors will be notified by February 1, 2026, if their proposal has been accepted.

Poster Proposal Submission Guidelines:

- Posters must be no larger than 36" X 48".
- Posters must be mounted on sturdy foam or thick cardboard and be able to be placed on an easel. An easel for each poster will be provided at the conference.
- Individual or co-authored poster proposals may be submitted. Proposals co-authored by professionals and persons with brain injury or their care partners are encouraged.
- Individuals or groups may submit more than one poster proposal, but a separate proposal must be completed for each poster.
- An outline or detailed description of the poster (see Poster Description below). The Conference Committee reserves the right to make final poster selections.
- Poster authors must be careful to use disability-sensitive language throughout their poster (e.g., using "person first" terminology and avoiding stereotypes).
- **Posters may NOT promote a specific company, product, or service. Marketing is prohibited.**
- Poster authors who are selected for the 2026 Annual Conference agree to abide by **ALL** deadlines established by the Conference Committee.

Poster Selection Guidelines/Criteria:

- Posters should reflect the conference theme and address at least one of the many suggested topics listed below.
- The poster will describe knowledge, strategies, and skills that can be applied immediately or that will enhance brain injury rehabilitation or research.
- The quality of the content and the visual presentation will meet professional standards.

Suggested Topics

Access, Systems & Advocacy

- Access to services for unhoused brain injury survivors
- Access and navigation of funding resources (e.g., Social Security, waiver programs, and the PA Head Injury Program)
- Financial stressors, strategies, and services after brain injury

Clinical Care & Rehabilitation

- Best practices in brain injury rehabilitation across the lifespan
- Strategies for cognitive enhancement
- Updates on brain injury research (in progress or completed)
- Interdisciplinary collaboration in rehabilitation
- Pediatric-focused case studies and early intervention approaches (birth–5)
- Behavior management with adolescents after brain injury
- Vestibular therapy (inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation)
- Holistic approaches in brain injury rehab
- Treatment considerations and interventions for Long COVID

Community & Relationships

- Development of safe, meaningful relationships and intimate partner considerations
- Intimate partner violence and brain injury
- Assessment of safe driving capability after brain injury
- The importance of “soft skills” in employment and appropriate disclosure
- Return to work strategies (volunteer and paid employment)

Creative & Complementary Approaches

- Music, art, horticultural, equestrian, and pet therapies
- Meditation and mindfulness
- Tai chi and yoga
- Adaptive vacation programs and retreats for adults with brain injuries

Mental & Behavioral Health

- Mood disorders and neuropsychiatric sequelae
- Anger, anxiety, depression, and suicidality
- Substance misuse and brain injury
- Management of behavioral challenges (trauma-informed care, de-escalation, and emotional regulation)
- Neuropsychopharmacology interventions
- Ethical considerations in brain injury care

Physical Health & Wellness

- Headaches, pain, fatigue, and sleep disorders
- Roles of nutrition and alternative therapies after acquired brain injury
- Hearing and vision impairments
- Medical marijuana and other alternative interventions

Real-Life Experience & Family Perspectives

- Survivor panel: successful socialization approaches
- Survivor and family panel: management of family issues at different stages after brain injury
- Common problems and practical solutions for aging brain injury survivors

Technology & Innovation

- Artificial intelligence and high-tech strategies in rehabilitation
- Use of technology to improve cognition and communication
- Recommendations for assistive technology across the lifespan

PLEASE PROCEED TO THE FILLABLE POSTER PROPOSAL

**Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania
Poster Submission Form for 2026**

Poster Proposal

Name of Each Poster Author: Please provide the **full name and credentials** of each author of the poster.

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Title of Poster (*Required*):

Poster Description (*Required for all proposals*): Please **provide a 100-word description** of the poster content. The Conference Committee reserves the right to edit descriptions for the conference brochure.

Since poster authors will not be notified of acceptance until **February 1, 2026**, please **do not submit the final layout** of your poster with this proposal. However, a **complete description, outline, or draft layout must be included** with your submission so that the Conference Committee has a clear understanding of how the poster will appear to attendees.

Poster Author(s) Information

An information form must be completed for EACH person contributing to the poster display.
All information is required.

Check here if you are the primary contact: ☐

Full Name and Credentials _____

Agency/Employer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Current Job Title _____

Author(s) CV, Resume, or Biosketch: All poster authors or co-authors must attach a CV, resume, or biographical sketch.

Completed Poster Proposals must be received by **Wednesday, December 31, 2025.**

Proposal Submission Task List:

- ☐ **Poster Proposal**
- ☐ **Presenter Information for each author**
- ☐ **Resume, CV, or biographical sketch (“biosketch”) attached for each author**

Email: admin@biapa.org – An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your proposal.

PLEASE NOTE – Email is strongly preferred. Upon receipt of your proposal, an email confirmation will be sent to you. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of your submission, please contact Sandra Powell. BIAPA is not responsible for lost submissions.

Mail: Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania
947 Wayne Avenue, No. 110
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Questions: Email Sandra Powell at admin@biapa.org, or call her at 833-242-7248.

Poster Author Registration Fee: In accordance with conference policy, no fee or honorarium will be provided for the development or display of posters. We appreciate your commitment to the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania and the expertise you contribute to support its mission.

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Poster authors attending conference sessions and requesting continuing education units **must pay the applicable CEU fee** for their discipline.

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) - 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) _____

Nature of relationship _____

Relationship with (Name of Company) _____

Nature of relationship _____

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

DISCLOSURE OF UNLABELED / INVESTIGATIONAL USES OF PRODUCTS:

☐ The content of my poster **WILL NOT** include discussion of unapproved or investigational uses of products or devices.

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Describe _____

If yes, this information must be disclosed to the attendees.

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 stated above.

☐ **Electronic Signature (Required)** **Date** _____

Completed By: Name and Credentials _____