

# SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSION IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS



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WORKSHOP

Brain Injury Australia, in association with Sports Medicine Australia and NSW Sport and Recreation will be conducting a workshop on sports-related concussion in children and adolescents. This practical workshop will feature expert presenters and include case studies of sporting groups implementing concussion awareness, assessment and management protocols.

**Date:** Friday 13 November 2015  
**Time:** 9am to 3:30pm  
**Venue:** Ian Thorpe Theatre, NSWIS Building, 6B Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park  
**Cost:** FREE. Places are limited, so register early.

## PRESENTERS

- **Professor Barry Willer** from the Concussion Management Clinic, University at Buffalo in New York.
- **Professor Gary Browne** has been Director of the Sports Concussion Service at the Children's Hospital at Westmead since 2006.
- **Dr. Grace Bryant OAM**, Medical Officer for NSW Swifts Netball Team & long-time Chief Medical Officer for the Australian Commonwealth Games Team.
- **Dr. Steffan Eriksson**, team doctor for Illawarra Hawks Basketball & St George Illawarra Dragon's U20s Holden Cup.
- **Nick Rushworth**, Executive Officer, Brain Injury Australia.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Teachers, sport medical officers, player welfare managers and staff responsible for:

- Coordinating training for coaches, parents, sports trainers, first responders, ground officials
- Managing community sport (e.g. game development managers)
- Communication and education programs and messages
- Developing policy
- Event management.



**Places are limited. Please register by Monday 9 November 2015.**

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# ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



**Barry Willer** is Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at the University at Buffalo in western New York and is director of research at the University's Concussion Management Clinic - a world leader in research on the physiology of concussion. He has worked in the field of traumatic brain injury for over 30 years, written three books and around 140 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. Professor Willer wrote the first return-to-play guidelines following concussion for both the International Ice Hockey Federation and the International Olympic Federation - the latter introduced at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. He leads a group of researchers who have conducted the first and only published evaluation of the return-to-play guidelines in the Consensus Statement of the last conference of the International Concussion in Sport Group, held in Zurich in 2012.



**Professor Gary Browne** is an Emergency Physician and Senior Physician in Sports and Exercise Medicine at the Children's Hospital Westmead, where he has been Director of the Sports Concussion Service since 2006. He is author and editor of over 100 peer-reviewed papers and 20 textbooks on paediatric emergency and sports and exercise medicine.



**Dr. Grace Bryant OAM** is a sports and exercise physician and has been a medical officer for the Australian teams at five Olympics and five Commonwealth Games. She is team doctor for the Australian women's water polo team - the Aussie Stingers - the NSW Swifts netball team and tour doctor for the Australian women's field hockey team, the Hockeyroos.



**Dr. Steffan Eriksson** is doctor for both the Illawarra Hawks basketball team and the St. George Illawarra Dragons under 20s Holden Cup rugby league team. Since becoming a General Practitioner in 2008, Dr. Eriksson has worked with many children and adolescents as well as parents, coaches and teachers in post-concussion evaluation for return-to-play and "return-to-learn".



**Nick Rushworth** is Executive Officer Brain Injury Australia. In partnership with Sports Medicine Australia, Brain Injury Australia is delivering a nationwide "grassroots" concussion education campaign, built around the "5Rs" of concussion: Recognise the injury; Removal from play; Referral to a doctor; Rest; and Return to play.

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