



CONCUSSION SYMPOSIUM FOR LAWYERS, INSURERS, JUDGES, AND CLINICIANS

*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, FACS,
Director, *Canadian Concussion Centre*

December 6, 2018

8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Total CPD Hours = 6 h 45 m Substantive + 1 h Professionalism 

**Donald Lamont Learning Centre
Law Society of Ontario
130 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON**

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Agenda

8:15 a.m. – 8:25 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Charles H. Tator, Neurosurgeon

**8:25 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Law Society of
Ontario**

Malcolm Mercer, Treasurer, *Law Society of Ontario*

Medical Perspectives on Concussions

8:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.

Overview of Concussions

Recognition and Diagnosis of Concussion Spectrum of Disorders (Acute Concussion, Second Impact Syndrome, Post-concussion Syndrome, Mental Health Disorders, and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)).

Dr. Charles H. Tator, Neurosurgeon

8:55 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Concussions: To Whom and Where?

Who gets concussions (demographics), where (school, work, home), and why (sports leagues, intimate partner violence). Concussions among amateur and professional athletes: What are the differences?

Richard Wennberg, MD, PhD, FRCPC, Neurologist

9:15 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Imaging and Biomarkers of the Concussion Spectrum of Disorders

The latest discoveries in our ability to detect concussion, post-concussion syndrome and chronic traumatic encephalopathy. “Not seeing” should not mean “not believing.”

David J. Mikulis, MD, FRCPC, Neuroradiologist

Carmela Tartaglia, MD, FRCPC, Cognitive Neurologist

9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The Neuropathology of Concussions and Their Consequences

Lili-Naz Hazrati, MD, PhD, FRCPC, Neuropathologist

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Question and Answer Session

- 10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Coffee and Networking Break**
- 10:35 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Utility and Limitations of Neuropsychological Assessments for Persisting Concussion Symptoms**
- Robin Green, PhD, C.Psych., Clinical Neuropsychologist
- Lesley A. Ruttan, PhD, C.Psych., Clinical Neuropsychologist
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Treatment for the Concussion Spectrum of Disorders: Fact and Fiction**
- Treatment of symptoms related to concussions, e.g., headaches, dizziness, whiplash, visual, sleep, and mental health disorders.*
- Dr. Charles H. Tator, Neurosurgeon
- Abe Sniderman, MD, FRCP (C), Neuropsychiatrist
- Carmela Tartaglia, M.D., Cognitive Neurologist
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Practice, Policies, and Guidelines for Concussion Management**
- Practitioners and clinics - Who is licensed and trained? Guidelines: Who creates them and how are they validated? Current and pending legislation in Canada. Concussion prevention.*
- Dr. Charles H. Tator, Neurosurgeon
- 11:55 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Question and Answer Session**
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch and Networking Break (Lunch will be provided)**

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

A View from Concussed Patients (Panel Discussion) (30 minutes )

Patients present their personal experiences navigating through recovery, compensation, and/or litigation.

Moderator:

Dr. Charles H. Tator, Neurosurgeon

Legal and Insurance Perspectives on Concussions

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

1:45 p.m. – 2:35p.m.

Litigating the Concussion Case: Plaintiff's Viewpoint and Defendant's Viewpoint (15 minutes )

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

James Tomlinson, *McCague Borlack LLP*

2:35 p.m. – 2 50 p.m.

Coffee and Networking Break

2:50 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Insights from the Bench on Concussion Cases (5 minutes )

The Honourable Darla Wilson, *Superior Court of Justice*

D. Keith Smockum, *Smockum Zarnett LLP*

Workplace Safety and Insurance Perspectives Regarding Concussions

Moderator: James Tomlinson, *McCague Borlack LLP* (10 minutes )

3:15 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

WSIB Viewpoint

Aaron Thompson, MD, MPH, FRCPC,
Medical Director, Occupational Disease, *Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)*

3:40 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

Insurance Company Viewpoint

Sam Mikail, PhD (Clinical Psychology)
Senior Consultant, Mental Health, *Sun Life Financial*

4:05 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Question and Answer Session

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**A Special Conversation:
Evolving Perspectives on Concussions**

Ken Dryden, member of the Hockey Hall of Fame and Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, former Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister, author of *Game Change: The Life and Death of Steve Montador and the Future of Hockey*.

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, OC, O. Ont., QC, former Chief Justice and Attorney General of Ontario, Counsel, *Hull & Hull LLP*

Dr. Charles H. Tator, Neurosurgeon

5:00 p.m.

Program Ends