



International Conference on Behavioral Health and Traumatic Brain Injury

St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ
October 12-15, 2008

Dear Colleague,

We are honored to invite you to participate in a landmark international conference that will occur at the St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ, and the Hilton Hasbrouck Heights, NJ from October 12 through 15, 2008. This *by invitation only* conference will gather world renowned neuroscientists, physicians, psychologists, and health care professionals for the purpose of creating a comprehensive consensus statement to present to U.S. Congress, with concrete recommendations and priorities that will address the psychological health difficulties and traumatic brain injury of our returning military veterans.

The event will be launched by a special reception featuring members of U.S. Congress, the U.S. Military, local legislators, and other VIPs who support the critical mission of this conference. More information about the conference can be found on the enclosed attachments.

The tentative schedule for the conference will include the opening ceremony- cocktail reception and poster session on Sunday evening, a full day of invited speakers capped by a very unique New York dinner experience on Monday, a second day of speakers and working groups culminating in an elegant dinner finale on Tuesday, and a working breakfast on the final day. For family members or guests accompanying conference participants, we will offer daytime tourist activities so that they may enjoy the exciting sights of the Metropolitan area. Conference registration, materials, scheduled meals, dinners, and conference activities will be provided at no charge to invited participants. Travel to and from the conference, and hotel costs will your responsibility.

As you know, traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder have become serious public health issues for those in military service. We sincerely hope you will accept our invitation to participate in this valuable initiative that will ultimately impact our *wounded warriors*, as well as all those individuals and family/community members who directly or indirectly experience the devastating effects of traumatic brain injury and psychological trauma.

We would greatly appreciate your timely RSVP to this invitation so that we may plan accordingly. Please kindly reply by completing and faxing the attached response form. Thank you for your consideration of this important endeavor.

Yours truly,

George Zitnay, PhD, Founder
National Brain Injury Research, Treatment, and Training Foundation

The Honorable Bill Pascrell, Jr, U.S. Representative, New Jersey
Co-chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force

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