

Professor Barry Willer, in association with
The Brain Injury Association (Auckland) Inc present;

Concussion, Sport & YOU!

A valuable seminar for schools, coaches, teachers, parents & sporting organisations

- Concussion not treated properly can result in permanent brain injury.
- Sports organisations and schools must take concussion seriously
- Learn about
 - ⇒ What is concussion?
 - ⇒ How should concussion be managed?
 - ⇒ How do we decide when a person should be allowed to return to play?
 - ⇒ What happens if symptoms don't go away and how can this be treated?

Date: Wednesday 31st October

**Where: CANTERBURY NETBALL CENTRE
CHRISTCHURCH**

Time: 7pm-9pm

Bookings not required - admittance \$10 on night (Refreshments will be served)

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Professor Barry Willer of the University of Buffalo in the USA is recognised internationally for his work on concussion. He authored the Return to play guidelines following concussion which were adopted by the International Olympic Committee. He is a regular visitor to New Zealand to provide training in brain injury rehabilitation.

Brain Injury Rehabilitation

BEST PRACTICE SEMINAR 2007

Brain Injury Rehabilitation expert, Professor Barry Willer, presents this exciting day.

PROGRAMME:

- Bringing the "Whatever It Takes" model into the 21st century
- Identifying and treating affect recognition problems
- Recent findings on how mild TBI can lead to life altering impairments
- Treatments of Post Concussion Syndrome

One day seminars will be run from 9.30am – 4pm
on the following dates and venues:

Gisborne	Wednesday 24 th October	Te Wananga o Aotearoa
Auckland	Tuesday 30 th October	Ellerslie Centre
Christchurch	Thursday 1 st November	Hotel Grand Chancellor
Invercargill	Monday 5 th November	Ascot Park Hotel
Dunedin	Tuesday 6 th November	The Edgar Centre
Palmerston North	Thursday 8 th November	The Convention Centre

Fee: \$150 (\$50 for people with brain injury and family members)
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Please register with Lillian at lilian@brain-injury.org.nz.

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For further information go to www.biaauckland.org.nz

Professor Barry Willer is a professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Rehabilitation Medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is a Visiting Professor at Massey University for 2007. Dr. Willer has been involved in research on acquired brain injury for over twenty years. He authored the Whatever It Takes Model that provided a philosophical underpinning for brain injury rehabilitation in the '90s. He also created the Community Integration Questionnaire, which has now been translated into 10 languages and is the most commonly used instrument for the assessment of participation following rehabilitation. Dr. Willer also authored the first return to play following concussion guidelines for the International Olympics. He has helped to develop standards for brain injury programs and provided training on brain injury rehabilitation in a number of different countries.

Dr. Willer is currently conducting research on two major fronts: (1) Treatment of Affect Recognition, for individuals with moderate to severe brain injury that have impaired affect recognition problems; (2) Treatment of Post Concussion Syndrome, for individuals with mild TBI who have persistent symptoms.