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Brain Injury Resources

- ABIN-PA InfoLine
800-516-8052 www.abin-pa.org
- Area Agency on Aging (phone book)
- BIAA Help Line
800-444-6443 www.biausa.org
- BIAPA Resource Line
866-635-7097 www.biapa.org
- Brain Injury Help Line 866-412-4755
(PA DOH free literature, books)
- Disability RightsNetwork(SpEd,TBI,SS)
800-692-7443 ww.drnpa.org
- Elks Nurses (PA) 814-781-7860
(care planning for children)
- Head Injury Program 717-772-2762
(1 year of rehab, \$100,000 max)
- Health Law Project 800-274-3258
(help with public benefits)
- Legal Aid (PA) 800-322-7572
- Meals on Wheels www.mealcall.org
- Medicaid Waivers 800-757-5042
(Community services, CommCare)
- Medical Assistance 866-542-3015
(some adults, all disabled children)
- Medicare Coverage 800-633-4227
(24/7 line, A & B in-home services)
- Medicare Denials 800-322-1914
- Pittsburgh Area Brain Injury Alliance
412-761-9870 www.pabia.org
- Social Security 800-772-1213
(survivors, disability, low income)
- Special Ed Consult Line 800-879-2301
- Special Needs Help 800-521-6860
(Medicaid rehab for children)
- Vocational Rehab www.dli.state.pa.us

BRAIN INJURY DICTIONERY

**ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY
NETWORK OF PENNSYLVANIA**
Office: 215-699-2139
Messages: 1-800-516-8052
Fax: 215-699-5139
Email: info@abin-pa.org
Website: www.abin-pa.org

Activities of Daily Living

Independent living skills like eating, dressing, bathing.

Acute Care Hospital

Diagnose and stabilize patient.

Adaptive/Assistive Equipment

For independence, safety, ease.

Autonomic

Automatic body functions.

Axons on Neurons

Long tail that sends messages.

Brain stem

Sets heart rate, breathing, etc.

Central Nervous System (CNS)

Brain and spinal cord.

Cerebrospinal Fluid

Cushions brain and spinal cord.

Cognition

Think, remember, plan, know, understand, solve problems.

Closed Head Injury

No penetration of the dura mater, the membrane covering the brain.

Coma

Doesn't respond to stimuli.

Computerized Tomography Scan

X-rays showing a cross-section. CAT.

Concussion—see TBI**Contracoup Contusion**

Brain bruise opposite the impact.

Dendrites on Neurons

Branches that receive messages

Diffuse Axonal Injury (DAI)

Neuron "tails" don't send messages.

Edema

Swelling due to fluid build-up.

Electroencephalogram (EEG)

Records electrical activity in brain.

Glasgow Coma Scale

Assesses improvement using best eye, verbal and motor responses.

Head Injury—See TBI**Hemorrhage**

Bleeding.

Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital

Therapy to restore function.

Left Cerebral Hemisphere

Provides language, reading, writing, verbal memory, etc.

Magnetic Resonance Imagery

3-D image. MRI. Magnetic energy.

Neurons

The brain cells that send messages.

Neuropsychological deficits

Cognitive deficits in organization, memory, attention, reasoning, etc.

Open Head Injury

Skull and dura mater penetrated.

Post-traumatic

Occurring after the accident.

Rancho Los Amigos

Measures daily progress.

Right Cerebral Hemisphere

Perception/memory of shape, space, understand/express emotions, etc.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Trauma plus impairment.

Mild—unconscious 0 to 1 hour.

Moderate— up to 24 hours.

Severe—more than 24 hours.

Visual Neglect

Ignores anything on one side.

Working Memory

Remembers what is happening now, helps organize behavior.