

Cognitive Rehabilitation Position Statement Author



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Gregory J. O'Shanick, M.D., is a psychiatrist who specializes in neurorehabilitation and neuropsychiatry, and has more than 25 years of experience in working with people with brain injury to improve the quality of life for them and their families. Dr. O'Shanick founded the Center for Neurorehabilitation Services in Richmond, Virginia, and currently serves as its Medical Director, overseeing the outpatient, day treatment and consultative services rendered to individuals with brain injuries and their families. Prior to this, Dr. O'Shanick spent 10 years in academic medicine at both the University of Texas-Houston School of Medicine and the Medical College of Richmond in Richmond, Va. where, upon his departure, was a tenured Associate Professor in both the Departments of Psychiatry and Rehabilitative Medicine.

In July 1996, Dr. O'Shanick was invited to serve as the first National Medical Director of the Brain Injury Association of America's Board of Directors, a position in which he continues to serve. Dr. O'Shanick also has been an Associate Professor at the Virginia Neurological Institute, University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Dr. O'Shanick is a member of the American Neuropsychiatric Association, the American Academy of Neurology, the American Society of Neurorehabilitation, and is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He has served as a consultant to numerous federal, state and private agencies regarding effective diagnosis and service delivered to individuals with traumatic brain injuries. Dr. O'Shanick also has chaired panels to develop evidence-based guidelines for the evaluation of mild traumatic brain injury and to assess whether amusement park rides cause traumatic brain injury. A prolific author, Dr. O'Shanick has written many papers, books, editorials and presentations that focus on personality, intellectual and behavioral changes following a brain injury and the pharmacological management of individuals with brain injury. Dr. O'Shanick has also been the principle investigator for several grants regarding acquired brain injury.