



**Advocates for Quality Healthcare**

**May 24, 2018 Meeting**

**Suicide Assessment within Issues of TBI: A Case Approach**

**Speaker:** Carolyn J. Ortega, Psy.D.  
**Location:** Winways Rehabilitation Center  
7732 E. Santiago Canyon Road  
Orange, CA 92869



We are delighted that Dr. Carolyn Ortega will be joining us again in May and discuss a very important, yet often ill-prepared topic when working with people with brain injury—suicide. Dr. Ortega is a bilingual licensed psychologist and has been working closely with people who suffered TBI. Studies have published that people with TBI are three times likely to commit suicide. While we may be aware this information, we often lack the tools to know how to assess or what to do when a suicide attempt occurs during the person's rehabilitation phase. Please join us on May 24<sup>th</sup> when Dr. Ortega will educate us on how to identify risk factors of suicidal potential and ideation with this population. She will explain how to utilize research-based assessment tools and treatment of patients with suicidal behaviors. More importantly, by sharing real case incidents, she will outline our responsibilities and actions necessary from a mental health and rehabilitation perspective and how to build a team approach to promoting patient safety.

**Objectives of the program: At the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to:**

1. Identify psychological and diagnostic risk factors associated with increasing suicidal potential subsequent to a traumatic brain injury
2. Describe how to apply the suicidal risk assessment process through SAMHSA's SAFE-T model (Suicide Assessment and Five-Step Evaluation and Triage)
3. Recognize the relationship between prevention and appropriate treatment to address suicide potential with traumatic brain injury cases
4. Describe the basic principles of a duty to warn and professional responsibility within mental health and rehabilitation settings with suicidal ideation reported by patients
5. Analyze a team approach model as part of promoting patient safety with traumatic brain injury and suicide risk prevention

**Agenda (May 24, 2018):**

Registration:	11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Lunch & Presentation:	12:00 Review the diagnostic factors and risk factors
	12:30 Application of SAFE-T
	1:00 Review duty to warn & professional responsibilities
	1:30 Case ex. of a patient reporting suicidal ideation and step-by-step process
	2:00 Team approach in promoting safety and Q&A

**Cost:** (No refunds for this event)  
Members: \$25.00  
Non-members: \$35.00

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**Target Audience:** RN, CCM, and other allied health care professionals  
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