



THINKING CAP

A Newsletter Especially for Southeastern Michigan
Traumatic Brain Injury System Participants and their Families

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SEMTBIS UPDATES



The Southeastern Michigan Traumatic Brain Injury System (SEMTBIS) at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM) continues to enhance the treatment for individuals who have sustained a traumatic brain injury and their families through clinical care and research.

This edition of the "Thinking Cap" was written with the intent to provide you with information about some of the projects that are being explored through SEMTBIS and that were presented at this year's TBI Interagency Conference. Additionally, we have created a special insert to provide information about a common behavioral change following a traumatic brain injury; specifically, the insert of this edition of the "Thinking Cap" addresses "Impulsivity following Traumatic Brain Injury."

SEMTBIS Research Presented at the 2nd Annual TBI Interagency Conference

What is the TBI Interagency Conference? The TBI Interagency Conference is an annual conference that emphasizes education about and dissemination of information related to TBI and was designed for clinicians, researchers, survivors, caregivers and family, and others in the TBI community.

Two of the main missions of the annual TBI Interagency Conference include:

- To provide an opportunity to engage in interactive dialogue with consumers, researchers, administrators, policymakers and clinicians on cross-cutting issues that may impact service delivery and research with persons who have experienced traumatic brain injury, their families and their communities.
- To discuss the latest scientific findings from federally-sponsored research programs in traumatic brain injury.

SEMTBIS has been very active in its research endeavors, and several projects in which SEMTBIS was involved were presented at this conference. Within this copy of the "Thinking Cap", an overview of only a few of the projects will be provided. These include topics related to:

- Family Functioning and Quality of Life After TBI
- Peer-Mentoring for Survivors of TBI and their Significant Others: A Model of Social Support
- Driving following Brain Injury