

The Telehealth Idaho Virtual Grand Rounds Presents:

## Veterans With Traumatic Brain Injury VGR Series, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

A six week series that will be video-cast throughout Idaho. Speakers will cover topics on related treatment for returning Veterans with TBI, model programs, long term planning & advocacy. Family members, private providers, state agency personnel and the general public who work with or have an interest in traumatic brain injuries are invited.

[All dates are from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Mountain time \(9:00 am to 11:00 am Pacific\)](#)



**November 1, 2007** – The True Welcome Home: Pat Rowe Kerr, Missouri State Veterans Ombudsman & Director, Operation Outreach. Understanding how communities and agencies work together to outreach and address the needs of our service members, Ms. Rowe-Kerr will share the process Missouri has created for best practices in serving veterans and those who care for them.

**November 8, 2007** – Heart of a Hero: A Soldier's Return After TBI: Mary Kelly LTC AN (Ret), Transition Assistance Advisor, Idaho National Guard; Katie Anderson, LCSW Brain Injury Program Director, Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital; Dewayne & Jeannette Mayer (returning serviceman) This live session will consist of a panel presentation, highlighting a military family who has experienced the trauma of a battlefield brain injury, the treatment used and the military assistance provided.

**November 15, 2007** – Returning Veterans and Their Families: What Every Family Member Should Know; Sherry Stock, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Oregon will give participant's information on Oregon's Brain Injury Resource Network, how it is attempting to meet the needs of Oregonians experiencing brain injury.

**November 29, 2007** – Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury: Current Issues; Ariel J. Lang, Ph.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor of Psychiatry, UCSD and Dewleen Baker, MD Associate Professor of Psychiatry/Associate Director for Clinical Affairs, VA Center of Excellence for Stress and Mental Health UCSD. Presenters will discuss current issues related to diagnosing PTSD in individuals with mild to moderate TBI, prevalence estimates and treatment strategies.

**December 6, 2007** – Cognitive Rehabilitation after Blast Injury & Polytrauma; Don MacLennan, Minneapolis VA Medical Center. This presentation will describe the nature of blast injury and resulting polytrauma and outline the VA system of care for returning servicemen and women who have sustained polytrauma. As many of these injuries include coexisting brain injury, cognitive rehabilitation is a cornerstone of rehabilitation efforts.

**December 13, 2007** – Idaho's Traumatic Brain Injury Virtual Program Center (TBI-VPC): Russ Spearman, Project Director, ISU-Institute of Rural Health and Laura J. Tivis Ph.D. Project Manager will overview and demonstrate the development of a computer-based expert decision support tool - the Idaho TBI VPC constructed to guide users to best practice supports and resources in Idaho and nationally.

### Locations

**Pocatello:** ISU campus, Eli Oboler Library, Room B-35    **Idaho Falls:** ISU Idaho Falls, 1776 Science Center Dr., Room 208    **Boise:** ISU Boise Center, 12301 W. Explorer Dr., Suite 102, Room 156    **Twin Falls:** Evergreen Bldg, 315 Falls Ave., Suite B-40, Room C-89  
**Lewiston:** Lewis and Clark State College, Sam Glenn Complex, corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room SG-50    **Coeur d' Alene:** North Idaho Center for Higher Ed., 1000 W. Hubbard, Suite 128

### Registration

The session is FREE but seating is limited. To register, please go to the TeleHealth Idaho website: [telida.isu.edu](http://telida.isu.edu) and click on the VGR registration tab on the left side bar.

### Questions and Information

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