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*The symptoms, what can
be done and who can help?*

23rd April 2024
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More than 50% of brain injuries result in issues with eyesight and the visual system.

The webinar will cover the effects of TBI and ABI on the visual system. This will include a brief overview of the general anatomy of the visual system, followed by how brain injury can manifest visually. Statistics will be given to illustrate the prevalence of vision problems among the brain injury community.

The session will explore the range of therapies and techniques available to investigate, quantify and help manage visual and systemic symptoms encountered in brain injury. There will be a summary of care pathways available in the UK, both within the NHS and privately, giving details of what services can be accessed and the range of therapy available.

The session will conclude with some case studies to illustrate the impact of visual rehabilitation on brain injury patients.

After the presentation Dr Christian French will be available to answer your questions.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

To ensure attendees can:

1. Be able to apply the basic anatomy of the visual system to the frequency and range of visual symptoms experienced following brain injury.
2. Be able to enquire about visual symptoms when working with a brain injury patient and understand when a referral to a neuro-optometrist may be warranted.
3. Have an awareness of the range of therapies and management strategies available to a neuro-optometrist working with a brain injury patient.
4. Be able to understand the care pathways available to a brain injury patient experiencing visual symptoms through the NHS and privately, with the strengths and limitations of each.
5. Be able to relate the theoretical principles of visual rehabilitation to a series of case studies featuring patients with symptoms encountered following brain injury.

We hope that you will join us for this specialist webinar with Dr Christian French who will be available after the presentation to answer your questions.

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BIOGRAPHY

Dr Christian French

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Dr French qualified as an optometrist in 2013, having attained a First Class Masters in Optometry. After spending some time in high street practice, he moved to working at a clinically-focussed independent opticians in Market Harborough, Leicestershire. During this time he developed his skills in vision therapy, alongside completing his PhD in ocular haemodynamics at Aston University. Dr French worked for several years as a Senior Lecturer in Anatomy & Physiology for the Optometry Masters programme at the University of Hertfordshire. He now divides his time between working as a Specialist Optometrist in the Paediatric Ophthalmology and Eye Casualty clinics at Kettering General Hospital and working as a private consulting optometrist with a special interest in vision therapy and neuro-optometry, particularly with those having experienced brain injury. He is a member of the British Association of Behavioural Optometrists as well as the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) and the Neuro-Optometry Rehabilitation Association (NORA); the latter two organisations being based in the United States. Dr French is currently one of only five optometrists on the NORA register in the UK. He has lectured both nationally and internationally and is the current chairman of the Association for Independent Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians in the UK.



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Vision & Brain Injury

More than 50% of brain injuries result in issues with eyesight and the visual system. This can include:

Blurry vision • Double vision • Difficulties reading

Light sensitivity • Dizziness & balance problems

Peripheral vision problems • Depth perception issues

Discomfort in crowds • Difficulties with visual processing

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– as a result of a neurological problem
Including disorders of consciousness, spinal injury, tracheostomy care, ventilation and complex stroke



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Badby Park – Daventry, Northamptonshire
Stanley House & Bowley Court – Bosbury, Herefordshire
The Bridge – Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire
The Dean – Gloucester, Gloucestershire
Gardens and Jacobs – Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire

Hospitals

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– St Neots, Cambridgeshire
The Avalon Centre
– Swindon, Wiltshire

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