

# A PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

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Ability KC's experts are always learning, growing, and improving; applying the latest innovations and best practices in individualized ways to enable new breakthroughs both big and small in our constant pursuit of excellence. Our 2023 Professional Conference for Medical Rehabilitation Professionals will combine the cutting-edge expertise of Ability KC and community partners to provide a full breadth of topics in our conference schedule. [The cost for the entire conference is \\$49.](#)

This conference is intended to enhance the skills and knowledge of healthcare professionals in rehabilitation and neurological care fields across the Kansas City region as we examine the latest innovations in rehabilitation, explore the experience of people living with disabilities, and share the expertise of industry leaders on our team and from across the country.

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**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

**8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Kauffman Foundation Conference Center**

6 hrs CEUs available for self-submission

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE & OBJECTIVES



**8:00AM–8:30AM : Registration/Continental Breakfast**

**8:30AM–10:00AM : Ethics: The Ethics of Consent presented by Michael Gillette, PhD**

Objectives:

- To discuss the ethical aspects of informed consent
- To examine situations when patient goals and family/professional goals conflict

**10:00AM–10:15AM: BREAK**

**10:15AM–12PM: Ethics: Ethics of Discharge presented by Michael Gillette, PhD**

Objectives:

- To examine the implications of patient autonomy in the discharge planning process.
- To identify ethical tensions between inpatient providers and community providers.
- To analyze the proper role of surrogate decision makers in discharge planning.

**12:00PM–12:45PM: LUNCH**

**12:45PM–2:15PM : Cancer’s Impact on Cognition and Rehabilitation’s Role in Interventions presented by Lisa Marshall, OTR/L, CLT, CLWT & Brenda Crowley, COTA/L, CLWT**

Objectives:

- The participant will identify signs/symptoms of status change and select the appropriate referral for a patient with a primary brain tumor.
- The participant will select 2 treatment strategies to address cognitive and behavioral changes experienced by a patient with a primary brain tumor.
- The participant will identify caregiver education on coping and management strategies for behavioral and personality changes due to brain tumor progression.
- Identify 3 barriers to care that may reduce treatment compliance given a case study of a patient with advanced stage disease.

**2:15PM–2:30PM: BREAK**

**2:30PM–4PM: Rehabilitation’s Crucial Role in Enhancing Functional and Quality of Life for the Oncology Client presented by Lisa Marshall, OTR/L, CLT, CLWT**

Objectives:

- Identify 2 acute and 2 long-term side effects common to local cancer treatments for radiation and surgical interventions.
- Identify 2 rehabilitation interventions for CRF, CRCI, and CIPN.
- Identify what rehabilitation phase (prevention, restorative, supportive, and palliative) the client requires.

**4:00PM: COMPLETE SURVEYS – RECEIVE CERTIFICATE**

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Lisa Marshall, OTR/L, CLT, CLWT is the founder & CEO of Specialty Rehabilitation Inc. With more than 33 years of healthcare experience, Lisa has focused primarily on oncology for the past 28 years. In 2002, she founded Specialty Rehabilitation Inc. (SRI), where she developed and provided oncology programs and services -- prehabilitation through palliation -- for all cancer types. Lisa's areas of expertise include the management of breast cancer, oncology lymphedema, cancer-related fatigue, chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, cancer-related cognitive impairments, cancers of the head and neck, and oncology pelvic floor dysfunction. She is lymphedema certified, a national presenter, and a regular presenter at major healthcare institutions and universities. Today, SRI provides oncology education and consulting for; individual healthcare professionals, cancer centers, community hospitals, outpatient clinics, skilled nursing facilities, and home care agencies.



Dr. Michael Gillette, Ph.D. is an ethics expert who has presented numerous keynotes and workshops nationally and internationally over the past two decades. Additionally, he contracts with dozens of healthcare organizations and other agencies to provide ethics case consultations and policy work. His energetic and interactive style engages his audiences and helps them think critically about ethical decisions in their work and beyond. Dr. Gillette graduated magna cum laude from Brandeis University, with majors in philosophy and classical Greek, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his master's and Ph.D. in philosophy at Brown University. He has taught at colleges and universities, published articles in the field of clinical ethics and has received several teaching awards. In 2004, he was elected to the City Council in Lynchburg, Virginia, and subsequently served two terms as Mayor of the City. Dr. Gillette's wide range of clients include healthcare organizations, social service agencies, long term care facilities, state, local and county government agencies, EAP organizations, HR professionals, attorneys, physicians, nutritionists, secondary and higher education, business firms, leadership organizations, and more.

Brenda Crowley, COTA/L, CLWT is a certified occupational therapy assistant who specializes in cancer rehabilitation and holds specialty certification in lymphedema, wound care, palliative care, and oncology. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Framingham State College (MA). Before becoming a COTA/L, Brenda owned and operated a highly successful data media company. As an experienced clinician, Brenda treated all cancer types from pre-habilitation through palliation. Relying on her unique skill set, she conceived and implemented a variety of patient-centered programs at SRI including telehealth programs, which she developed during the COVID-19 pandemic to address chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, cancer-related cognitive impairment, home exercise programs, and lymphedema management. Brenda used this experience to co-author a research study on the impact of telehealth on breast cancer-related lymphedema. In 2021 Brenda transitioned to the role of Director of Marketing and Business Development for SRI's oncology consulting and education division where she continues to co-create course development and is a course instructor. Brenda has taught at local community colleges, the Cancer Support Community, and state occupational therapy conferences. Brenda is passionate about ensuring high-quality, patient-centered care that results in increased quality of life for her patients.

