

*Each application/client need is determined on an individual basis.  
This page is meant to provide general information/guidelines to those  
considering an application to an ABI community/outpatient program.*

*Please contact the Toronto ABI Network office at 416-597-3057 should  
there be any questions regarding a specific referral.*

## GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MAKING A REFERRAL TO ABI COMMUNITY/OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION<sup>1</sup>

### Please remember...

- ✓ Please ensure you are using the “ABI Client *Community Profile*” – revised December 2005.
- ✓ In order to process the referral – all parts of the application must be completed with a current medication list attached.
- ✓ A signed consent form must be enclosed. Please ensure it authorizes the Toronto ABI Network to release information to the organization to which you are referring a client.
- ✓ As available, please forward additional information such as medical consult notes, inter-professional discharge summaries, CT report, etc.
- ✗ Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Completed applications are to be forwarded to the Toronto ABI Network by mail or fax:

**By Fax:**

Attention: Judy Moir  
Toronto ABI Network  
416-597-7021

**By Mail:**

Attention: Judy Moir  
Toronto ABI Network  
550 University Avenue, Room 920  
Toronto, M5G 2A2

### Definition of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)\*

An ABI is damage to the brain, which may be caused:

- traumatically e.g., from an external force such as a collision, fall, or assault
- through a medical problem or disease process which causes damage to the brain, e.g., anoxia, non-progressive tumour, aneurysm, infection, stroke with diffuse cognitive deficits

An ABI occurs after birth and is **not** related to:

- a congenital disorder or developmental disability, e.g., cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, autism, spina bifida with hydrocephalus
- a process which progressively damages the brain, e.g., dementing processes, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s Disease

\* Source: Toronto ABI Network Definition of ABI, May 1999