

# CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 2007 Galveston Brain Injury Conference will continue to focus on best practice and clinical applications in the area of pediatric traumatic brain injury. The conference will be facilitated by Roberta DePompei, PhD, an expert in pediatric brain injury, recognized for her research and development of clinical techniques for cognitive-communication and school reintegration issues for youth.

A call for papers was issued in July 2006 in which authors were asked to submit proposals on several specific topic areas within pediatric traumatic brain injury. These topics included: neuropsychological and neuro physical development after TBI; assessment and outcome issues; and affected children's transition into schools and into adulthood. Selected papers will be published as a group in a 2008 topical issues of the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation pending acceptance via the journal's peer review process.

Following an introductory talk by Dr. DePompei and the team leaders from the 2006 conference, authors of the selected papers will have an opportunity to present and receive feedback on their proposed articles. The presenters will provide descriptions of the topic area they are addressing, the relevance of the proposal to current protocols, and how their topic will add to the best practice in this field. Facilitated group discussion will follow each presentation. The final session will summarize the group discussions and look to the future for potential advances that can come from the proposed papers.