

Global Medical Device Company, Sway Medical, Supports Canadian Concussion Education and Research

Sport Physiotherapy Canada is holding it's 2016 Concussion Symposium at the Women's College Hospital Auditorium, November 26, 2016.

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-- The SPC National Concussion Committee has recruited top, Canadian and global, speakers to present the updates in principles and practices of sport related concussion management. Physiotherapist, Siobhan Karam, who works at Dr. Michael Clarfield's [Sports Medicine Specialists](#) Clinic in Toronto, stated "We are excited to have these high caliber researchers educating Canada's medical professionals to improve consistency and quality of care. SPC's entire Concussion Committee has done an amazing job to put this event together and laid a foundation that we hope to build upon for years to come." Concussion management continues to evolve globally with strong Canadian concussion research programs leading the way. The University of Calgary and Dr. Katherine Schneider bring a global presence while representing current data. Held three weeks ago in Berlin, Germany, the 5th International Consensus Conference on Concussion in Sport recently involved their program's research. Their local presence at the SPC conference in Toronto exemplifies how Canadians are taking youth and adult concussion management seriously.

Frank Wolfe, [Sway Medical](#)'s COO, is grateful of this opportunity. "Sway Medical is pleased to have been asked to be involved in this Canadian concussion educational event. This conference demonstrates the Canadian commitment to enhance concussion care for all athletes as concussions affect Canadian families. Events such as this help produce a consistency of clinical procedure, protocol and medical decision making within these communities around concussion care," says Wolfe.

New medical device technologies like "Sway" assist medical professionals with objective measurement to support the medical decision making throughout a game, in the clinic and now remotely from schools. As concussion injuries are not all identical, an important goal is to ensure injured athletes are removed from play immediately and not allowed to return until their concussions are fully recovered. Preventable "Second Impact Syndrome" occurs when a second head injury is suffered while the brain is still recovering from the first injury, where it's effects can be disabling and deadly as demonstrated last year with the immediate passing of 15 US high school football players due to SIS. Second Impact Syndrome is 100 percent preventable but continues to exist due to subjective protocols, lack of awareness and education. Community concussion education is



paramount from the medical professionals down through the coaches and parents, to ensure athletes are safe from concussion risks. Canadian athlete concussion outcomes continue to improve from high quality symposiums like this, which help accelerate the execution of consistent elevated care.

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