

# Physician SCA™ Program Training Workshop

**Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**Brandon, MB**

Aphasia is a language disorder which reduces the ability to comprehend and use spoken and written words. Individuals with Aphasia retain 'the core' of who they are and their thoughts and memory are generally unaffected. An individual with Aphasia can experience difficulties in the areas of comprehension, reading, writing, speaking and language-related skills such as gesturing.

Health care providers working in the acute care, rehabilitation or personal care home settings are all too familiar with the challenges of communicating with individuals who have a moderate or severe Aphasia. Attempts to communicate can be time consuming, frustrating and often unsuccessful. Ideally, anyone interacting with individuals with Aphasia on a regular basis should have in-depth training and practice in developing skills in Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA™) or similar methods.

The Aphasia Institute in Toronto, Ontario has developed the SCA approach for teaching individuals with Aphasia and their *conversation partners* to *communicate* once again. This approach has been taught successfully to individuals, their families, health care providers and conversation partners in a variety of settings. This approach is grounded in years of experience and research and the training program has been specifically developed to be delivered by Speech-Language Pathologists.

## Workshop Description

This workshop provides resources, video illustrations, role-play situations and instruction on how to use the SCA approach which can be adapted to various health care scenarios *specific to physicians*.

Emphasis is on the use of the SCA approach along with pictographic resources and non-verbal methods of communication with individuals who have moderate and severe Aphasia. Instruction is provided by a Speech-Language Pathologist and Social Worker who have completed specialized training in the area of SCA at the Aphasia Institute.

The following outline highlights the main components of this workshop:

- Language and Aphasia defined
- Communication problems, service delivery and improved health outcomes
- What SCA is and the goals of SCA
- Basic components of SCA, an introduction to some of the basic tools, observation of tools being used, and practicing the use of these basic tools

## Schedule

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

### **Introduction**

Aphasia Institute, Brandon Aphasia Project, SCA

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

### **Module One**

Language, Aphasia, Theory of SCA approach and concepts, video observation, and role-play exercises

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

### **Break**

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

### **Psychosocial Issues** *(Presented by Social Worker)*

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Review of concepts, discussion of health literacy, community reintegration, and chronicity of Aphasia

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**Date:** Saturday, April 10, 2010

**Location:** Victoria Inn, Brandon, MB

**Cost:** \$110.00 (includes resource book 'Talking to your Doctor' - \$40)

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, March 26, 2010

**Space is limited - Register early!**

## Workshop Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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