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Brain Injury Association of America honors Centre for Neuro Skills' Dr. Mark Ashley with Sheldon Berrol MD Clinical Service Award

Dr. Mark Ashley,
CEO and Founder of Centre for Neuro Skills

Bakersfield, Calif. – Nov. 1, 2023 – The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) recognized Dr. Mark J. Ashley, CEO and founder of Centre for Neuro Skills (CNS), at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's (ACRM) Centennial Conference as the recipient of the 2023 Sheldon Berrol MD Clinical Service Award on October 31, 2023. The award honors the person who has made "outstanding contributions to improving the quality of care, professional training, and/or education in the field of brain injury" in their career.

"As someone who knew and worked with Dr. Sheldon Berrol, "Shelly," witnessing his unwavering commitment to improving patient care and independence first-hand, I'm truly honored to receive this award," says Dr. Mark Ashley.

Dr. Ashley founded CNS in 1980 after his brother, Steve, experienced a life-changing event, leaving him cognitively intact, but dependent on a ventilator. Conventional medicine and available rehabilitative therapies gave his brother little hope for significant recovery or regaining an independent life, but Dr. Ashley believed that Steve could overcome the odds and that rehabilitation was possible through an intense therapy program. His brother became one of CNS' first patients, and his recovery became the model for the brain injury rehabilitation provider's philosophy. Steve's recovery galvanized a belief that people with brain injuries should have a place to heal, and Dr. Ashley and his family could provide this essential service. Dr. Ashley's dedication to understanding brain injury through personal experience, treating patients and research has helped countless patients over his 40 years of developing clinical therapies.

He established the Clinical Research and Education Foundation, a nonprofit research organization that advances public and clinical understanding of brain injury causes and treatment in 2011. He has served on numerous committees and boards for organizations focused on brain injury treatment, research and outcomes. A published author on brain injury rehabilitation, Dr. Ashley has not only written books but also had his work and research published in peer-reviewed journals and research publications.

Dr. Ashley received a Master of Science degree in Speech Pathology and holds a Doctor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. He received a Doctor of Science degree from State University of New York at Geneseo.

He is a licensed Speech Language Pathologist in California and Texas and is both a Certified Case Manager and Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer.

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About Centre for Neuro Skills
Centre for Neuro Skills is an experienced and respected world leader in providing intensive rehabilitation and medical programs for those recovering from all types of brain injury. CNS covers a full spectrum of advanced care from residential and assisted living to outpatient/day treatment. Founded by Dr. Mark Ashley in 1980, CNS has seven locations in California and Texas. For more information about Centre for Neuro Skills, visit: www.neuroskills.com, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube.

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