



Brooke Murtaugh, OTD

Dr. Brooke Murtaugh received her Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy from Creighton University in 2004. She began working as an occupational therapist at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals in 2006. She has practiced brain injury rehabilitation for 17 years.

Brooke serves as Madonna's brain injury program manager and continues to practice as a clinician, primarily consulting on and treating the DOC population.

Brooke is responsible for coordinating the care and rehabilitation programs serving Madonna's brain injury population across the continuum of care at both the Madonna Lincoln and Omaha Nebraska campuses.

She received her national certification as a Brain Injury Specialist in 2009 and Brain Injury National Specialist Trainer from the Brain Injury Association of America in 2016. Dr. Murtaugh is a member of the Disorders of Consciousness Task Force through the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and the International Brain Injury Association DoC Special Interest Group. She has played an active role within the ACRM DoC Task Force Family Education

Committee developing a caregiver-based DoC resource within www.BrainLine.org website. She is also the co-chair of the International Curing Coma Campaign Care of the Patient In Coma Work Group in partnership with the Neurocritical Care Society and sits on the Coma Campaign's Technical Work Group Committee. Dr. Murtaugh is a member of the American College of Surgeons Trauma Quality Improvement Program's TBI Best Practice Recommendations committee leading the development of the new rehabilitation best practice recommendations for TBI.

Dr. Murtaugh has presented at numerous national and international conferences on brain injury. Most recently presenting internationally at World Coma Day 2022, the IBIA World Congress on Brain Injury in Dublin in 2023 and the 2024 North American Brain Injury Society Conference. She has several peer-reviewed journal publications focusing on DoC clinical care.