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## **Centre for Neuro Skills Partners with UCLA, Mt. Sinai Medical Schools In Brain Injury Research Projects**

**Bakersfield, CA (Feb. 19, 2014)** Centre for Neuro Skills (CNS) is collaborating with the Brain Injury Research Centers of both the UCLA and Mt. Sinai schools of medicine, pursuing grants and conducting research to advance the understanding and treatment of brain injury.

"For over 30 years, CNS has been a leader in the rehabilitation of people with brain injury," said Dr. Mark J. Ashley, president and chief executive officer of CNS. "Partnering with these institutions helps us achieve our corporate vision of providing the best patient care possible."

Scientists and professors at UCLA's Department of Neurosurgery and Mt. Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine are working with CNS neuroscientists Lisa Kreber, Ph.D., CBIS, and Jessica Ashley, Ph.D. on projects intended to ultimately help patients recover and lead better lives after injury.

Two professors at the UCLA Department of Neurosurgery, Grace Griesbach, Ph.D. and Neil G. Harris, Ph.D., have been named CNS Research Fellows and are working with Drs. Kreber and Ashley to design research protocols and submit grants to government agencies for projects that focus on neuroplasticity and neuroendocrine functioning following traumatic brain injury.

The collaboration between CNS and Mt. Sinai is led by Wayne Gordon, Ph.D., director of the Mt. Sinai Brain Injury Research Center. The research project focuses on the potential differences in outcomes among patients discharged to various settings following postacute care.

"Deepening our relationship with UCLA and Mt. Sinai helps us translate our collective knowledge and data from research models into clinical practices," Dr. Kreber said. "Our mutual goal is to reduce the negative impact of brain injury by implementing practices, therapies, and technologies to achieve better outcomes."

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### **About Centre for Neuro Skills**

Centre for Neuro Skills (CNS) is recognized as an experienced and respected world leader in providing intensive rehabilitation and medical programs to individuals recovering from all types of brain injury. CNS effectively covers a full spectrum of care from inpatient and assisted living to outpatient/day treatment. For additional information about Centre for Neuro Skills, please visit [neuroskills.com](http://neuroskills.com), see us at #neuroskills, or call us at 800.922.4994.

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