



NEWSALERT

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The 19th Annual International Military and Civilian Combat Stress Conference Will Include a Presentation on the Irlen Method

Neuropsychologist Roxanna Farinpour, PhD, works at the Deployment Health Clinic at 29 Palms Naval Hospital in San Diego, California, where she conducts mTBI evals and cognitive work-up for postconcussion syndrome for Marines returning from deployment. She has been referring Marines with headaches and/or migraines as a result of TBI or concussions to the Irlen Institute and conducting follow up evaluations on those Marines with their Irlen Spectral Filters. Her talk is entitled: *The Unseen Effects of Blast Exposure - Through the Looking Glass*. The Combat Stress Conference is the longest running and one of the best of its kind in the world. It has been referred to by many who attend as the "Gold Standard" of all Combat Stress Conferences. Throughout the years, this conference has trained both military and civilian staff to provide services to military personnel experiencing combat stress-related problems as well as problems experienced by civilian disaster workers and victims.

The Relationship between Anxiety and Irlen Syndrome

Jacques Guimond, Irlen Clinic Director of New Brunswick, Canada, has written an excellent scientific article on anxiety and Irlen Syndrome. He has been kind enough to provide copies of his article both in English and French. The direct link between anxiety and Irlen Syndrome has yet to be formally confirmed by vigorous research. However, the article proceeds to present scientific evidence that there is a correlation between anxiety and Irlen Syndrome. **See attachments for French and English versions of the article.**

Hello from Greece

Evaggelos Sp. Bochatziar, Irlen Clinic Director in Greece, wrote that he presented on TV for west Greece where he spoke about Irlen in detail. Because of the high interest, the show aired four more times. A copy of the show will be posted on Youtube.

Question Regarding Irlen Overlays

Q: Our administration is asking the question if there is a danger that a student may be harmed in some way or may have grounds to sue us for Irlen screening and diagnostics.

A: There is no more danger of the school district being sued for using colored overlays/filters than for being sued for providing students with colored paper or providing textbooks which have colored pages. There is really no difference. In the 30 years that millions of students have been provided colored overlays by screeners in school districts, NO ONE has ever sued or even threatened to sue.

Yuki Yokoyama Completes Thesis on the Irlen Method

Yuki Yokoyama, a Japanese graduate student and teacher, decided to do her thesis on the Irlen Method. As part of her preparation, she attended a screener training course at the Irlen Institute and became a certified Irlen Screener. She has completed her thesis, submitted her report to the Japanese magazine, and will do a poster session at a conference in Tokyo this September.

Linking Together to Spread the Word

We would like to let you know that Dr. Susan Turben's website (www.turben.com) will link to the Irlen website. We would like to thank Dr. Turben for thinking of the Irlen Method and spreading the Irlen information. We would like to encourage you to visit this good information child development website.

Government Extends Scope of Disability Workplace Protections

Federal officials are publishing new rules today extending workplace protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act to those with epilepsy and other conditions that occur periodically or do not impair an individual's ability to conduct major life activities. "This will help ensure civil rights protection for people with 'invisible disabilities,'" Valerie Jarrett, Senior Presidential Adviser, said. Disability Scoop (3/24)

<http://r.smartbrief.com/resp/cQmmCdoWkpUduuxdkfDaffYfCMfKY?format=standard>

Matéria na Record sobre Síndrome de Irlen (Brazilian TV Record Show)

Even if you do not understand Portuguese, you may find that you are able to catch most of the coverage of **Dr. Marcia Guimarães** and Irlen clients when watching the TV show by clicking on:

<http://www.dislexiadeleitura.com.br/noticias.php?codigo=136>

Irlen Will Have an Exhibit Booth at the Alberta Home Education Conference

Nola Sterling, Canadian Irlen Clinic Director, has been asked by the Alberta Home Education Association to be an exhibitor at their convention in Red Deer on April 15-16. This is a large event with home educators from all over Canada attending. **Judy Pool, Canadian Irlen Clinic Director**, will join Nola, and the two will be working the booth together. Nola writes that they are very excited

about this as “many of the children we see are home schooled because they are not able to keep up within the school system.”

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“My son said to me a few weeks ago, ‘Mom, thanks for the colored lenses. It is so nice not being dumb anymore.’ In the few months that my son has had his Irlen lenses, he is reading better, his handwriting is legible and straight, his numbers are correctly written, and he loves school. He is reading on his own, although he has a lot of catching up to do, and he is so happy! He no longer cries or gets frustrated, rubs his eyes, complains of headaches, and isn't so scatter-brained. He doesn't fall up or down steps, run into walls or furniture, and has spent the past few weeks catching a ball (something he could never do before.) He has started to learn to ride a bike, hit a baseball, and kick a soccer ball. My son has done nothing but blossom since the day he got his lenses.” Carla Mowry

FDA panel: No proof that Food Coloring makes Children Hyperactive

An FDA advisory panel, in an 8-6 vote, said food with artificial dye doesn't need a special warning label. The panel cited insufficient evidence that consuming such dye would cause hyperactivity in children. The decision comes in the wake of FDA scientists saying children who already have behavioral problems might be negatively affected by artificial dye. [The New York Times \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (3/31), [CNN/The Chart blog](#) (3/31), [HealthDay News](#) (4/1)