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## Biography

**Noah St. John**, is a Neural Performance Specialist who helps corporate leaders remove The Invisible Brake™ and master the Human-AI Gap. Since 1997, his clinical frameworks have contributed to more than \$3.2 billion in documented revenue growth. He is the author of 27 books, published by major houses and translated into 18 languages, He also introduced the concept of the Human-AI Gap, which highlights the disconnect between advanced AI adoption and the human capabilities required to use it effectively. His work helps organizations align leadership performance with evolving technologies, Dr. Noah regularly delivers keynote presentations on AI leadership, performance optimization, and business growth strategies for global audiences.

## The Invisible Brake™: A Neural Performance Framework for Addressing the Psychological Barriers Behind Obesity and Behavioral Change

### Abstract:

Despite significant advances in clinical treatments, pharmacotherapy, and lifestyle interventions, long term behavioral change remains one of the most persistent and underaddressed challenges in obesity and weight management. Research consistently demonstrates that patients who understand what to do still struggle to sustain meaningful behavioral change over time. This gap between knowledge and action points to an often-overlooked variable: the hidden psychological patterns that silently undermine motivation, self-regulation, and adherence. Objective This presentation introduces The Invisible Brake™, a neural performance construct that identifies and addresses the subconscious psychological barriers preventing sustained behavioral change in individuals managing obesity and weight-related conditions. The objective is to offer obesity care practitioners a complementary behavioral framework – grounded in neuroscience and habit formation science – that can be integrated alongside clinical and lifestyle interventions to improve patient outcomes. Methodology / Approach Dr. St. John's Power Habits® framework applies principles from behavioral neuroscience, cognitive psychology, and habit formation research to identify and dismantle the specific internal blockers that drive self-sabotage, emotional eating, and non-adherence in weight management programs. The framework has been developed and refined over 30 years of clinical coaching application and includes:

- Neural pattern identification – diagnosing the specific subconscious loops driving self-defeating behaviors
- AFFORMATIONS® methodology – a neuroscience-based tool for rewiring self-limiting thought patterns that affect health behavior
- Habit architecture – replacing willpower-dependent strategies with automated high-performance behavioral systems

Results / Outcomes Application of The Invisible Brake™ framework across diverse clinical and coaching populations has demonstrated improvements in sustained behavioral adherence, reduction in self-sabotage patterns, and increased patient self-efficacy. Dr. St. John's clinical frameworks have contributed to more than

\$3.2 billion in documented results across health, leadership, and performance domains since 1997, with documented outcomes including measurable improvements in habit consistency, emotional regulation, and long-term behavior maintenance. Implications for the Obesity Care Community Integrating a neural performance lens into obesity care can meaningfully enhance the effectiveness of existing clinical, dietary, and lifestyle protocols. Practitioners who understand the psychosocial and subconscious dimensions of patient non-adherence will be better equipped to address the root cause of behavioral relapse – not just its symptoms. The Invisible Brake™ framework offers an accessible, evidence-informed behavioral complement to the medical and nutritional tools already in use across obesity care settings.