December 2016 MSKTC Headlines

======Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)=====

**SCI Model System Researcher Delivers Keynote Presentation at International Conference**

Yuying Chen, MD, PhD, project director of the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC), was invited by the Korea Spinal Cord Injury Association to give a keynote presentation at the 2016 International Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Seminar in Seoul, South Korea on October 20, 2016. The seminar was titled, “Spinal Cord Injury Statistics, Rehabilitation, and Policy Making from Quickening toward Takeoff.” Dr. Chen also visited the National Assembly of Korea to meet with Congressman Seung-Jo Yang, Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee. She shared the work of the Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems, as well as how data in the NSCISC database have been utilized to inform clinicians, policy makers, and persons with spinal cord injury.

**SCI Model System Researcher Receives Health Care Heroes Award**

David Rosenblum, MD, co-investigator of the Spaulding New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (SNERSCIC), and director of Clinical Care at Gaylord Hospital, a partner site, was recently honored as a recipient of Hartford Business Journal's Health Care Heroes award on December 1, 2016. The Health Care Heroes award identifies outstanding leaders in the health care industry who are the epitome of a "hero.” Dr. Rosenblum was nominated for his patient-centered work with rehabilitation patients. Learn more [here](#).

**SCI Model System Researcher Honored by Boston Chamber of Commerce**

Cheri Blauwet, MD, co-director of Knowledge Translation and Dissemination at Spaulding New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (SNERSCIC), was recognized by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce 2016 Ten Outstanding Young Leaders Awards. This honor acknowledges Dr. Blauwet's professional, personal, and civic commitment to improving the quality of life within the Boston community. Learn more [here](#).

======Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)=====

**TBI Model System Center Sponsors Brain Injury Conference**

The Virginia Commonwealth University Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (VCU-TBIMS) is sponsoring the 41st Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference, to be held May 3-5, 2017 in Williamsburg, VA. Known informally as the “Williamsburg Conference,” this event provides a thought-provoking opportunity to learn from and interact with leading national- and internationally-recognized experts. The conference provides a unique focus on practical solutions and interventions to improve brain injury rehabilitation practice. Conference events span three days, including two day-long preconference workshops and the two-day main conference. Topics are relevant to a variety of rehabilitation professionals, including psychologists, counselors, social workers, case managers, certified brain injury specialists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, and physicians. Learn more [here](#).
Burn Model System Researchers Publish Two Papers in Journal of Burn Care & Research
Researchers from the Boston Harvard Burn Injury Model System (BHBIMS), in collaboration with the LIBRE Project, recently published two papers in the Journal of Burn Care & Research, “Measuring the Social Impact of Burns on Survivors” and “Development of a Conceptual Framework to Measure the Social Impact of Burns.” The papers discuss the development and validation of a methodology to measure community reintegration following a burn injury.

Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) and Burn Model Systems Researchers Release Updated Factsheets
The MSKTC and Burn Model Systems researchers have updated four burn factsheets in 2016. The updated factsheets include "Employment after Burn Injury," "Itchy Skin after Burn Injury," "Psychological Distress after Burn Injury," and "Scar Management after Burn Injury." They are available on the MSKTC website in English and Spanish.

MSKTC Releases Two New Factsheets
The MSKTC has released the factsheets, “Healthy Eating After Burn Injury – For Adults” and “Healthy Eating After Burn Injury – For Kids.” Megan Nordlund, MS, RD, CD and Nicole S. Gibran, MD, FACS of the Northwest Regional Burn Model System (NWRBMS) authored the resources, which describe nutritional needs after burn injury. The factsheets also provide suggestions for how to maintain a healthy diet. “Healthy Eating After Burn Injury – For Adults” can be accessed here and “Healthy Eating After Burn Injury – For Kids” can be accessed here. Both factsheets are available in English and Spanish and may be reproduced and distributed freely with appropriate attribution.

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