Model Systems Researcher and Staff Held a Celebration of 40 Years of SCI Research

James Krause, PhD, research scientist of the Southeastern Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System, and the staff of the NIDILRR-funded project on Participation, Subjective Well Being, Health, and Spinal Cord Injury (SCI): A 40-Year Longitudinal Study, held a celebration of 40 years of SCI research on June 7, 2015. The celebration brought together more than 50 participants with SCI who averaged over 40 years since SCI onset, including 10 who were 50+ years post injury. The study, initiated in 1973 by Nancy Crewe, PhD, is the longest standing longitudinal study of SCI. When the study began, living 40 years with SCI was viewed as unattainable, yet there were 26 people at the event who have lived more than 40 years with SCI. The knowledge gained from the study and its participants has led to a better understanding of SCI and the changes that occur as people age with SCI. Read more about it here.

Model Systems Researchers Attend Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America Annual Meeting

Researchers from multiple SCI Model System sites attended the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America Annual Meeting held June 13-15, 2015 in Denver, CO. Their presentation of the poster Relationship between the total percentage scores on the WEST-Q and objective versions of the Wheelchair Skills Test for manual wheelchair users with SCI (authors Kirby RL, Worobey LA, Cowan R, Presperin Pedersen J, Heinemann AW, Dyson-Hudson T, Shea M, Smith C, Rushton PR, Boninger ML) was met with great success. Learn more about the conference here.

Model System Researcher Leads Team on a Variety of Initiatives

Linda Ehrlich-Jones, PhD, RN, clinical research scientist of the Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care Center (MRSCICS) led her research team in completing work for their recent grant awarded by the Paralyzed Veterans of America Education Foundation that aimed to enhance the evidence-based practice of rehabilitation professionals who provide services and care for persons with SCI. During the course of the project, the team added SCI-focused psychosocial content to the Rehabilitation Measures Database. Dr. Ehrlich-Jones and her team also began a new relationship with the journal Rehabilitation Psychology, publishing brief articles on psychosocial measures used to assess people with SCI. In addition, the team developed and produced two webinars on selecting psychosocial outcome measures for application in care of persons with SCI. View these webinars here. You will be prompted to complete a brief survey that will take you to the webinar.
Model System Holds its 38th Annual Interdisciplinary Spinal Cord Injury Course

The Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System (MRSCICS) held its 38th Annual Interdisciplinary Spinal Cord Injury Course on June 3-5, 2015 at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. The three day course updated participants on spinal cord injury treatment and interventions by examining current research, technology, and practice. MRSCICS principle investigator David Chen, MD, served as co-chairman of the course, while research team members Jessica Presperin Pedersen MBA, OTR/L, ATP/SMS; Patrick Hennessy, MPT, NCS; and Carey Holleran, PT, MPT, NCS acted as faculty. View the course brochure here.

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

Model System Holds the Think First Prevention Program

The North Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (NT-TBIMS) held a 5 hour Think First prevention program, sponsored in part with funding from NIDILRR and coordinated by Megan Reynolds, M.S. The prevention workshop was held for a local high school football team in June. The group learned about traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury in a classroom environment the first portion of the workshop. During the afternoon segment the participants experienced therapy with Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation patients while using wheelchairs. See the news coverage here.

TBI Model Systems Researchers Work Published in Five Publications

TBI model systems researchers from multiple sites collaborated on publications that were recently published in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Journal of Neurotrauma, Journal of Head Trauma and Rehabilitation, the Handbook on the Neuropsychology of Traumatic Brain Injury, and the International Journal of Telerehabilitation. View the citations and abstracts on the MSKTC blog.

====Burn====

Resource Highlight: Social Interactions after Burn Injury Factsheet

Do you or someone you know have trouble communicating and interacting with others after a burn injury? If so, read our factsheet Social Interaction after Burn Injury. Access the resource here.

Model Systems Staff Receives Award for Excellence

Megan Nordlund, a registered dietician at Harborview Medical Center (home of the Northwest Regional Burn Model System Center (NWRBMS)), received the Clinical Practice/Research Award for Excellence from the Washington State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. This
award was given in recognition of her excellence in clinical practice and for her research efforts concerning the nutritional management of burn injury survivors.

**Upcoming Events**

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