Model Systems Researchers Will Present and Receive Awards at the American Spinal Injury Association Annual Meeting

A host of SCI model systems researchers will participate in the 2014 American Spinal Injury Association Annual Meeting (ASIA) in San Antonio, Texas from May 14–17, 2014. Michael J DeVivo, DrPH, Director Emeritus of the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC) will receive the 2014 ASIA Lifetime Achievement Award for his professional achievements and contributions to the advancement of the field of rehabilitation. A list of model systems researchers that will participate in the conference is available on the MSKTC blog, and additional information about these presentations can be found in the preliminary conference program.

Reminder: DeVivo Mentored Research Award Open for Applications

The DeVivo Mentored Research Award is now open for applications. This award is sponsored and administered by the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC) as a 1-year $3,000 research award for trainees who are interested in conducting a research project using data from the National Spinal Cord Injury Database. Applicants and mentors do not need to be affiliated with a NIDRR project but must show substantial knowledge and understanding of the database. Application deadline is July 28, 2014. Learn more about how to apply.

SCI Model System Post New Video

The Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NWRSCIS) recently posted the video Tips for Choosing the Right Wheelchair as part of its SCI Forum Video series. The video features a presentation from wheelchair seating expert Jennifer Hastings, PhD, PT. During the presentation she explains the principles of seating for maintaining optimal health after SCI, the relationship between seating and skin health, how and when pressure mapping may be useful, and how to find a wheelchair seating expert. Visit the NWRSCIS website to view more than 40 online videos on a variety of SCI topics.

SCI Model System Work Published in Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Spinal Cord

Researchers from the University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System (UM SCIMS) recently collaborated on an article published in the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. The article is titled Predictors of Participation, Enfranchisement following Spinal Cord Injury: The Mediating Role of Depression and Moderating Role of Demographic and Injury Characteristics. This cross-sectional study examines the mediating effects of depressive symptoms on the relations between employment, grief, depression treatment, and participation enfranchisement after spinal cord injury. It also examines the moderating role of demographic
and injury characteristics, including sex, race, marital status, education, and injury level, and completeness on these relations. Access the abstract here. The UM SCIMS was recently published in Spinal Cord. The article is titled Screening for neuropathic pain after spinal cord injury with the Spinal Cord Injury Pain Instrument (SCIPI): a preliminary validation study. This cross-sectional study evaluates the validity of an interview-based spinal cord injury (SCI) neuropathic pain screening instrument. Access the abstract here.

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

Model Systems Researcher Recently Received the Leonard Diller Award

Mark Sherer, Ph.D., ABPP, FACRM, project director from the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System of TIRR received the Leonard Diller Award at the American Psychological Association Division of Rehabilitation Psychology meeting in San Antonio, Texas on March 1st. Dr. Diller is a pioneer in rehabilitation psychology and his work forms the foundation of many current neurorehabilitation therapies. As part of receiving this award, he presented the Diller Lecture titled, Factors that predict community integration outcomes for persons with traumatic brain injury. This lecture was based on findings from the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System of TIRR on community integration for persons with TBI.

=====Burn===== 

Burn Model System Researchers Recently Presented

A multi-disciplinary team of clinical staff members at Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System (BH-BIMS) were invited to present at the 6th Annual Rhode Island Burn Center Burn Symposium on March 13th in Providence, RI. Led by Clinical Nurse Manager Suzzette Chiong-Oglesby, RN, MSN, they presented a panel discussion on the topic of Pain Management in the Adult Burn Rehabilitation Population. The presentation focused on both the pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to pain management and the importance of a multi-disciplinary team approach that includes not only clinical staff, but the patient and the patient’s support network.

Burn Model System Researchers Awarded at American Burn Association Annual Meeting

Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System (BH-BIMS) researchers earned Best in Category for their poster presentations at the American Burn Association 46th Annual Meeting held March 25-28, 2014 in Boston, MA. Paul Gerrard, MD and Deborah Nadler, BA presented their posters on Pediatric Pruritus and Validation of the Community Integration Questionnaire, respectively. The research projects were co-authored by Dr. Jeffrey Schneider, Program Director of BH-BIMS and Dr. Colleen Ryan, MD, Director of Clinical Care for BH-BIMS. Other co-authors representing the Burn Model Systems include David N. Herndon MD, Karen Kowalske MD, Katie Matthews, BA, Shelley A. Wiechman PhD, Gretchen J. Carrougher RN MN, Nicole S. Gibran MD, Walter J. Meyer MD, Robert L. Sheridan MD, Lewis Kazis, ScD, Alan Jette, PhD, Austin Lee, PhD, Peter Esselman, MD, Jim Fauerbach, PhD, and Radha Holavanahalli, PhD
Upcoming Events

May 1-2  
38th Annual Williamsburg Traumatic Brain Injury Conference

May 14-17  
American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) 2014 Annual Meeting

Jul 28  
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