MSKTC to Host Upcoming Webinar, Engaging the Media
The MSKTC will host the webinar, Engaging the Media, on Tuesday, May 24th at 1pm EST. Join our communications specialists and Model Systems researchers for this one hour webinar to:

- Gain a general understanding of the current media landscape
- Learn how to effectively work with your organization’s public affairs/public relations/communications office
- Get guidance on generating news stories and gauging the media’s interest in your research/program
- Review tips for effectively working with the media
- Learn how Model System grantees have successfully engaged the media

Email us at msktc@air.org with your name and email address if you would like to participate in this webinar.

SCI Model System Researchers Kick-Off the 2016 American Spinal Injury Association Annual (ASIA) Scientific Meeting with Pre-Conference

The SCI Model Systems hosted the preconference, “Progress in Research from the SCI Model Systems (SCIMS): An Interactive Discussion on Future Directions” in advance of the 2016 ASIA Scientific Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. This full day event, held April 13, 2016, addressed an array of topics such as SCI demographics and measurement, functional training, psychosocial considerations, assistive technology, and secondary conditions. The event also generated recommendations for NIDILRR and the field on future research. SCI Model Systems researchers that led discussions during the pre-conference include:

- Allen W. Heinemann, PhD, ABPP (RP), FACRM of the Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System (MRSCICS)
- Michael Boninger, MD of the University of Pittsburgh Model System on Spinal Cord Injury (UPMC-SCI)
- Edelle Field-Fote, PhD, PT of the Southeastern Regional Spinal Cord Injury Model System
- Daniel Lammertse, MD of the Rocky Mountain Regional Spinal Injury System (RMRSIS)
- Steve Kirshblum, MD of the Northern New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury Model System (NNJSCIMS)
- Anthony Chiodo, MD of the University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System (U-M SCIMS)
- Alan Jette, PhD, PT of the New England Spinal Cord Injury Center (NERSCIC)

In addition, a host of SCI Model Systems researchers presented papers and delivered lectures to advance the field of spinal cord injury during the ASIA Scientific Meeting April 14-15. The list
of participants who have submitted conference presentation information to the MSKTC can be found [here](#). Additional information about the conference can be found [here](#).

**SCI Model System Center Posts New Resource**
The Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NWRSCIS) recently posted a new video series on mastering essential manual wheelchair skills. The 11 short video clips in this series show the proper technique for performing wheelies and pop-ups, managing curbs, and crossing different kinds of terrain. Access the resource [here](#).

**SCI Model System Center Publishes Manuscript in Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Special Issue**
Researchers from the New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (NERSCIC) published the manuscript, *Empowering Adults with Chronic SCI to Prevent Secondary Conditions* in the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation special issue on SCI research. The manuscript developed and assessed the feasibility of My Care My Call (MCMC), an innovative peer-led, community-based telephone intervention for individuals with chronic SCI, using peer health coaches to promote self-advocacy and empowerment in addressing primary care needs.

**SCI Model System Center Posts Three New Resources**
The Northern New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury System (NNJSCIS) recently posted SCI-related video and audio resources. The first resource is the three-part video series, *Managing Medical Complications of Spinal Cord Injury*. This series consists of three modules on bowel management, pressure ulcer prevention, and pneumonia prevention. Access the resource [here](#). The second resource, *Sexuality Reborn*, is an educational video for people with SCI and their partners. To access the video, click “Enroll for Free” [here](#). The NNJSCIS produced a number of podcast presentations related to SCI and rehabilitation available through Kessler Foundation’s SoundCloud station.

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

**TBI Model System Center Hosts Summit**
The Spaulding–Harvard Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (SH-TBIMS) will host the two-day invitational summit, *Rehabilitation Access and Outcome after Severe TBI: A TBI Model System-Sponsored Stakeholder Summit*, on May 16-17, 2016 at the United States Access Board in Washington, D.C. This summit will educate participants about critical gaps that exist between patient needs, rehabilitation services, research findings and existing healthcare policy involving persons with severe TBI. Invited stakeholders include legislators, insurers, federal healthcare and research funding agencies. Ian Graham, MD, senior scientist at the Centre for Practice-Changing Research, and Martha Hodgesmith, JD, associate director of the Research and Training Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas, will moderate the summit.

**TBI Model System Center Researchers Publish Article in Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**
Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, PhD; Jennifer H. Marwitz, MA; Adam P. Sima, PhD; Thomas F. Bergquist, PhD; Douglas Johnson-Greene, PhD; Elizabeth R. Felix, PhD; Gale G. Whiteneck, PhD; and
Laura E. Dreer, PhD co-authored the article, *Resilience Following Traumatic Brain Injury: A Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Study*, published in the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. This article examines resilience at three months after sustaining a TBI. Access the abstract and full text [here](#).

=====Burn=====

**Burn Model System Center Researchers Participate in the American Burn Association Meeting**
A host of Burn Model Systems researchers will present papers and deliver lectures to advance the field of burn injury at the American Burn Association’s 48th Annual Meeting held May 3-6, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV. The list of participants who have submitted conference presentation information to the MSKTC can be found [here](#). Researchers from the [Burn Model Systems](#) and the [MSKTC](#) will exhibit at booth 210; please stop by and say hello. Additional information about the upcoming conference can be found [here](#).

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