Model Systems Researchers Will Present and Receive Awards at the American Spinal Injury Association 40th Anniversary Scientific Meeting

A host of SCI model systems researchers will participate in the 2013 ASIA 40th Anniversary Scientific Meeting in Chicago, Illinois from May 6–8, 2013. Lesley M. Hudson, M.A., of the Southeastern Regional Spinal Cord Injury Model System will receive the ASIA Lifetime Achievement Award for her professional achievements and contributions to the advancement of the field of rehabilitation. Keith Tansey, M.D., Ph.D., also from the Southeastern Regional SCIMS, will become the Secretary Treasurer at this year's meeting. Ralph J. Marino, M.D., of the Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center of the Delaware Valley, will receive The Apple Award at the 2013 ASIA meeting for the article “Development of an Objective Test of Upper-Limb Function in Tetraplegia,” published in the American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 2012. The Apple Award is given for excellence in publishing in spinal cord injury rehabilitation research. Additionally, numerous model systems researchers will present papers and deliver lectures to advance the field of spinal cord injury. 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 conference program.

SCI Model Systems Research Featured in Current Issue of the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

The current April Supplement of the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is devoted to the results of the SCIRehab Study, a large National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research-funded collaborative effort of the SCI Model Systems. Led by Craig Hospital, the project involved more than 1,000 clinicians from the Shepherd Center, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Carolinas Rehabilitation, Mount Sinai Rehabilitation, and National Rehabilitation Hospital. The clinicians’ document titled “SCIRehab Uses Practice-Based Evidence Methodology to Associate Patient and Treatment Characteristics with Outcomes” details the rehabilitation process for 1,376 people with SCI receiving initial inpatient rehabilitation. They also recorded specific interventions following each of more than 280,000 treatment sessions and a broad range of outcomes at discharge and 1 year post injury. Thirteen articles provide an introduction and overview of the SCIRehab Study and address issues including: comorbidities; rehospitalization; missed therapy, group therapy, and factor complicating therapy; obesity; age; pain; post-discharge services; and patterns of improvement in activities of daily living.

SCI Model Systems Co-Director Elected President of ISRN

Keith Tansey, from the Southeastern Regional Spinal Cord Injury Model System, was recently elected President of the International Society for Restorative Neurology (ISRN) through 2014.
The MSKTC congratulates and thanks Dr. Tansey for his many contributions to the field of spinal cord injury.

**The National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC) Releases New Factsheet**


**SCI Model System Hosted Third International Transformational Technology Summit Sessions Available Online**

[Southern California Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Model System Center](https://www.sci-modelsystem.com) hosted the International Transformational Technology Summit 3: “Robotics in Rehabilitation: The Future is Now!” The summit was held in February at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. This summit brought together experts in the fields of SCI, rehabilitation, robotics, and brain computer interface. Twenty session videos are available for viewing on [Rancho Research Institute's YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx2Yb3y7l5OuL8ChyOZ00wA).

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

**Resource Highlight: Couples’ Relationships After Traumatic Brain Injury**

The [MSKTC](https://msktc.org) is pleased to announce the new factsheet “Couples’ Relationships After Traumatic Brain Injury.” After [traumatic brain injury (TBI)](https://www.msktc.org/resources/tbi), many couples find that their relationship with each other changes dramatically. Learn more about couples' relationships after a TBI by accessing the factsheet [here](https://msktc.org/resources/tbi).

==== Burn ====

**Model System Researchers Will Present and Receive Awards at the American Burn Association 45th Annual Meeting**

A host of burn model systems researchers will participate in the [2013 ABA 45th Annual Meeting](https://www.aba.org) in Palm Springs, California from April 23–26, 2013. Mary Elizabeth Murphy of the [Pediatric Burn Injury Rehabilitation Model System](https://www.model-systems.org/pediatric-burn) will be acknowledged as this year’s ABA student scholarship recipient. Additionally, numerous model systems researchers will present papers and deliver lectures to advance the field of burn injury. A list of model systems researchers that will participate in the conference is available on the [MSKTC blog](https://msktc.org/blog), and additional information about presentations can be found on the [conference brochure](https://msktc.org/blog).
Upcoming Events

April 23–26  American Burn Association 45th Annual Meeting

May 2–3  Williamsburg Conference, “Rehabilitation of the Adult and Child With Traumatic Brain Injury”

May 5–8  ASIA 40th Anniversary Annual Scientific Meeting, American Spinal Injury Association

May 10  Third Annual “Promising Practices for Healing Psychological Trauma of Service Members, Veterans, Family, and Community”

Sept 2–4  Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals, 2013 Annual Meeting

Sept 18–21  11th Annual Conference on Brain Injury