April 2017 MSKTC Headlines

Model Systems and MSKTC Researchers Participate in the 12th IBIA World Congress on Brain Injury
A host of researchers from the TBI and SCI Model Systems participated in the 12th IBIA World Congress on Brain Injury, held March 29 - April 1, 2017 in New Orleans, LA. The MSKTC exhibited as well and disseminated the work of the Model Systems. Model Systems researchers who reported their participation in the conference can be found here. Learn more about the conference here.

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

SCI Model System Researchers Present at PM&R Grand Rounds
Greg Nemunaitis, MD; Mary Joan Roach, PhD; and Kevin Kilgore, PhD, all of Northeast Ohio Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NORSCIS), were speakers at the city-wide PM&R Grand Rounds, held March 27, 2017. They spoke on NIDILRR's SCI Model System grant awarded to Case Western Reserve University/MetroHealth System. The audience consisted of physicians from the MetroHealth Medical System, University Hospital System, the Cleveland Clinic, and the Lois Stokes Veterans Medical System.

SCI Model System Researchers Publish in Journal of American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA)
Mary Joan Roach, PhD, of Northeast Ohio Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NORSCIS), along with colleagues at MetroHealth Medical System published an article in the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA). The article is titled, “Patient Portals and Broadband Internet Inequality.” Access the abstract here.

SCI Model System Researchers to Participate at ASIA Scientific Meeting
A host of SCI Model System researchers will present papers and deliver lectures during the ASIA Scientific Meeting, held April 26-29, 2017 in Albuquerque, NM. The list of Model System researchers who have submitted conference presentation information to the MSKTC can be found here. Additional information about the conference can be found here.

MSKTC Releases New Factsheet: "Urinary Tract Infection and Spinal Cord Injury"
The MSKTC has published a new factsheet, "Urinary Tract Infection and Spinal Cord Injury," written by Phil Klebine, MA and Keneshia Kirksey, MD. Urinary tract infections are one of the most common medical problems after SCI. The factsheet explains urinary tract infections, how to prevent them, and how they can be treated. The factsheet may be reproduced and distributed freely with appropriate attribution. It is available on the MSKTC in English and Spanish here.
SCI Model System Center Holds Sexuality Conference for Healthcare Professionals

Mount Sinai Hospital Spinal Cord Injury Model System (MSH-SCIMS) held a sexuality conference for healthcare professionals on April 1, 2017 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, NY. The conference aimed to enrich healthcare professionals’ awareness of sexuality after SCI and increase comfort in talking to patients with SCI about sex. More than 100 healthcare professionals including physicians, occupational therapists, physical therapists, recreation therapists, psychologists, nurses, and social workers attended. Learn more about the conference and access presentation videos here.

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

TBI Model System Researchers Attend Brain Injury Awareness Day

Simon Driver, PhD and Marie Dahdah, PhD, both of North Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (NTTBIMS), travelled to Washington, DC to attend Brain Injury Awareness Day on Capitol Hill, held March 22, 2017. During their visit, they met with the office of Senator Cornyn, who represents their home state of Texas, and discussed the TBI Act. Learn more about Brain Injury Awareness Day here.

Resource Highlight: "Emotional Problems After Traumatic Brain Injury"

A brain injury can change the way people feel or express emotions. Visit the MSKTC website to access the factsheet, "Emotional Problems After Traumatic Brain Injury" and learn what can be done to help. Access the factsheet here.

===Burn===

Burn Model System Researchers Publish Summary Articles in Journal of Burn Care and Research

Jeffrey Schneider, MD and Colleen Ryan, MD, researchers of Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System, recently published several summary articles in Journal of Burn Care and Research. Dr. Schneider authored, “Rehabilitation Research Priorities: The Next 10 Years” and co-authored “Scar Management Following Burn Injury.” Dr. Ryan co-authored, “Functional Outcomes Following Burn.” These papers are the result of presentations and discussions at the 2016 State of the Science Meeting which was held in Washington, DC.

Resource Highlight: "Social Interaction after Burn Injury" Factsheet

Many burn injury survivors who have had a change in their physical appearance feel anxious about how people will react to them. The MSKTC factsheet, "Social Interaction after Burn Injury," provides strategies to help improve social interactions. Access the factsheet here.
**Upcoming Events**

April 26-29, 2017  
Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA)

May 3-5, 2017  
41st Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference

July 7-12, 2017  
National Neurotrauma Society Symposium

July 24-27, 2017  
Annual Conference on Independent Living (NCIL)

September 3-6, 2017  
ASCP Conference

October, 2017  
2017 ACRM Annual Conference