August 2013 MSKTC Headlines

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

SCI Model System Releases New Video on Aging with SCI

The Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NWRSCIS) posted a new video about aging with a spinal cord injury called “Everybody’s Doing It! Aging with a Spinal Cord Injury.” The video features a panel of five individuals with SCI who, taken together, have been living with SCI for 189 years. They discuss their experiences and share methods for coping with changes and staying healthy and positive as they age. NWRSCIS co-director, Jeanne Hoffman, Ph.D., moderates the discussion. This video is a valuable resource for SCI consumers and health providers and can be found here.

MSKTC Releases Hot Topic Module on Managing Pain After Spinal Cord Injury

The Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) is pleased to announce our new Hot Topic Module: Managing Pain After Spinal Cord Injury. This hot topic module consists of a suite of resources, including videos, factsheets, a slideshow, and a research study review to explain diagnosing, treating, and managing different types of pain. The featured video was filmed in collaboration with the South Florida Spinal Cord Injury Model System and highlights a promising study on exercise to manage pain. View the hot topic module here.

MSKTC to Exhibit at 2013 Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals Conference

The MSKTC will exhibit at the upcoming Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP) 2013 Educational Conference. This conference will be held September 2–4 2013, in Las Vegas, NV. During this event, MSKTC staff will display and highlight the work of the Spinal Cord Injury Model System (SCIMS), National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center, and the MSKTC.

Model Systems Work Published In Disability and Rehabilitation Journal

Drs. Denise Tate, Martin Forchheimer, Dunia Karana-Zebari, Anthony Chiodo, Thomas Kendell, and Jennifer Young of the University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System (UM-SCIMS) coauthored a paper published in Disability and Rehabilitation titled “Depression and pain among inpatients with spinal cord injury and spinal cord disease: differences in symptoms and neurological function.” This paper examines the relationship between depression and pain severity during inpatient rehabilitation for those with new onset of spinal cord injury or spinal cord disease (SCI/D), along with patient characteristics, neurological function, and etiology. View the abstract here.
TBI Model System Leads a Multi-Center Effort

The University of Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (UWTBI) recently led a multicenter effort with University of Alabama at Birmingham Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (UAB-TBIMS), Mayo Clinic Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, The Moss Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, The Rocky Mountain Regional Brain Injury System (RMRBIS), The North Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, and Virginia Commonwealth University Traumatic Brain Injury Model System. Together these Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems (TBIMS) studied the natural history of posttraumatic headache in moderate-severe TBI. A separate grant, funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) and led by Jeanne Hoffman, Ph.D., similarly followed patients with mild TBI. Results from both studies, published in Cephalalgia, the leading journal on headache, have been accompanied by editorials highlighting the studies and implications.

Model Systems Researcher Awarded Grant by the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital was awarded a grant by the The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation to conduct research and provide ongoing coordination of care for survivors of the Boston Marathon Bombing. Dr. Ross Zafonte, co-director of the Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System (BH-BIMS), together with co-investigators Dr. Jeffrey Schneider and Dr. Leslie Morse, program directors of Boston Harvard Burn Injury Model System (BH-BIMS) and Spaulding-Harvard SCI Model System (SH-SCIMS), will examine the factors associated with functional outcome, quality of life, return to work, and psychiatric complications longitudinally in survivors of this traumatic event.

BMS Model System Researcher Appointed to American Burn Association Board of Trustees

Shelley A. Wiechman, Ph.D., principal investigator for the Northwest Regional Burn Model System (NWRBMS), was appointed to the American Burn Association Board of Trustees. Dr. Wiechman is a longstanding member of this association and has been an active participant for more than 17 years.

Upcoming Events

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Oct 28–30  International Spinal Cord Society’s 52nd Annual Scientific Meeting
Nov 12–16  90th Annual American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Conference