August 2014 MSKTC Headlines

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

Resource Highlight: Depression and Spinal Cord Injury Factsheet

Have you read the factsheet, Depression and Spinal Cord Injury? Depression affects millions of Americans, including those with SCI. Access the factsheet here.

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 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 extended to September 15, 2014. Learn more about how to apply.

SCI Model System Seeks Pregnant Women with SCI for Study

The University of Alabama Spinal Cord Injury Model System (UAB-SCIMS) is recruiting participants with SCI for a study that aims to discover medical concerns related to women with SCI during pregnancy, labor, and delivery. Participants must be in their first trimester of pregnancy, at least 19 years old, and live near Birmingham, AL; Ann Arbor, MI; Louisville, KY; or Downey, CA. Learn more here.

SCI Model Systems Featured in Three Publications

Researchers from the University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System (UM-SCIMS), Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System (MRSCIS), Northern New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury System (NNJTBIIMS), Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (NWRSCIMS) and Southeastern Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System collaborated on publications featured in Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation and Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. View the publications here.

SCI Model System Launches Social Media Platforms

The University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System (UM-SCIMS) recently launched a Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest account. Please visit their social media pages!

SCI Model Systems Researcher featured in PN Magazine

Rory Cooper, PhD, associate director of the University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury (UPMC-SCI) was featured in PN Magazine for his many successful years of work on spinal cord injury rehabilitation and research. The magazine highlighted the people that have affected some of the biggest and most historic changes in the history of spinal cord injury and
disease (SCI/D). The article will be available in September 2014 issue of PN Magazine.

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

Resource Highlight: Understanding TBI Factsheet Series
Do you know someone who sustained a traumatic brain injury? Refer them to our Understanding TBI series of factsheets. Access the four factsheets here.

TBI Model System Researcher Becomes Chair of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department

Kathleen R. Bell, MD is leaving the University of Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (UW TBI) to become the Chair of the PM&R Department at the University of Texas Southwestern and co-director of the Texas Institute on Brain Injury and Repair (TIBIR). Dr. Bell will consult on the TBIMS projects at UW. Fortunately, UT Southwestern is one of two collaborating systems in the North Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (NT-TBIMS), along with the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation, so she will not leave the Model Systems program. NT-TBIMS and UW TBI Model Systems are frequent collaborators on multicenter projects (including the TWILIGHT study of phototherapy for sleep disorders after TBI). NT-TBIMS welcomes Dr. Bell and is looking forward to continuing collaboration. Dr. Bell’s new email address is Kathleen.Bell@UTSouthwestern.edu.

TBI Model System Releases Summer 2014 Issue of TBI Today

Virginia Commonwealth University Traumatic Brain Injury Model System recently released the summer 2014 issue of the TBI Today Newsletter (PDF). This issue features the results of a survey given to caregivers for survivors of TBI regarding the support resources caregivers used and found most helpful. Previous issues of TBI Today are archived here.

TBI Model Systems Researcher Interviewed for Speaking of Health with Dr. B

Nancy Chiaravalloti, PhD, director of the Northern New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury System Center (NNJTBIIS), was interviewed on The Conundrum of Childhood Concussions for Speaking of Health with Dr. B. The radio program covered the symptoms of concussion in children and youth, and current research in prevention and treatment of concussion, particularly in sports.

=====Burn=====

Resource Highlight: Employment After Burn Injury Factsheet

Have you read the factsheet, Employment After Burn Injury? Returning to work after a burn injury can be an important phase of recovery that helps one return to a routine. Access the factsheet here.

MSKTC Seeks Parents of Children with Burn Injury

The MSKTC seeks parents of children with burn injury to test two factsheets: Going Back to School after a Major Burn Injury and Help Your Child Recover and Build Your Child's
*Resilience after a Burn Injury.* Participants will be interviewed for their input on these factsheets and receive a $25 gift card. For more information or to schedule an interview, call 202-403-5600 or email msktc@air.org.

**Upcoming Events**

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