August 2016 MSKTC Headlines

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

**SCI Model System Researchers Participate in Annual Wheelchair Wash**

Volunteers from the [University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury (UPMC-SCI)](https://www.upmc.com) joined colleagues to participate in the 6th Annual Wheelchair Wash and Tune-Up on July 22, 2016 at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Mercy Hospital. Volunteers, which included local assistive technology vendors, washed, performed minor repairs, and checked for potential problems with wheelchairs. More than 50 manual and power wheelchairs were serviced as part of the event. The Wheelchair Wash also included games for wheelchair users, a wheelchair skills obstacle course, demonstrations of the Tankchair®, and plenty of refreshments. Photos from the Wheelchair Wash can be found on Facebook [here](#).

**SCI Model System Researchers Release New Video**

The [Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System Center (NWRSCIS)](https://www.nwrscis.org) has released a new video, “Getting to Normal: Conversations about Adjustment After Spinal Cord Injury,” which is part of the [SCI Forum series](https://www.nwrscis.org/forum). The video includes a panel discussion moderated by Jeanne Hoffman, Ph.D., and features three individuals with spinal cord injuries who share their stories of adjusting to life after injury. The video can be accessed [here](#).

**SCI Model Systems Researchers to Present at Annual Meeting**

SCI Model Systems researchers Allen Heinemann, Ph.D., David Tulsky, Ph.D., Amanda Boticello, Ph.D., and Mary Slavin, Ph.D., will present at the 55th annual ISCoS meeting in Vienna, Austria. The meeting will take place September 14-16, 2016. Their workshop is entitled “Measuring Physical Functioning with the SCI-FI: Cutting Edge Research findings for clinical and multicultural applications.” Learn more [here](#).

**SCI Model System Center Releases New Measurement Summaries on Rehabilitation Measures Database**

Researchers from the [Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System (MRSCICS)](https://www.mrscics.org) released new measurement summaries on the Rehabilitation Measures Database on August 16, 2016. The new summaries include all 22 domains of the Spinal Cord Injury-Quality of Life measurement system. The Rehabilitation Measures Database was developed to help clinicians and researchers identify reliable and valid instruments used to assess patient outcomes during all phases of rehabilitation. Access the database [here](#).

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

**TBI Model System Researcher Receives Award for Research Excellence**

Mark Sherer, Ph.D. of the [Texas TBI Model System of TIRR](https://www.tIRR.org) received the Harold Yuker Award for Research Excellence from the journal, Rehabilitation Psychology. Dr. Sherer was recognized for his paper, “Key dimensions of impairment, self-report, and environmental supports in
persons with TBI.” This award was presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association in Denver, CO on August 4, 2016. Access the abstract here.

**TBI Model System Researcher Presents Poster at Joint Statistical Meetings**
Jessica M. Ketchum, Ph.D., of the Rocky Mountain Regional Brain Injury System (RMRBIS), presented the poster, “Annual Ranking and Weighting of the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems National Database,” at the 2016 Joint Statistical Meetings. The poster was based on research by Dr. Ketchum and colleagues, Jeffrey Cuthbert, Ph.D., Gale Whiteneck, Ph.D., C.B. Eagye, M.A., and Cynthia Harrison-Felix, Ph.D. This research expands upon previous research that made population estimates from TBI Model Systems National Database (TBIMS NDB) using raking algorithms and weighted the TBIMS NDB using annual UDS/eRehab data (2002-2013). Access the abstract here.

**TBI Model System Researcher Delivers TEDx Herndon Presentation**
Nancy Chiaravalloti, Ph.D., principal investigator of the Northern New Jersey TBI System Center (NNJTBI), delivered a presentation that was added to the TEDx Herndon collection. The presentation is titled "Techniques to Enhance Learning and Memory.” Dr. Chiaravalloti’s discussion addresses modified story memory technique (mSTM) to improve memory and learning for people with TBI and multiple sclerosis. Access the video presentation here. Learn more about TEDx Herndon here.

=====Burn=====

**Burn Model System Center Publishes Research on Cognition and Burns**

**Upcoming Events**

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