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Latest News and Events on SCI, TBI, and Burn Injury Model Systems

Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems

New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center to Host Webcast on Epidural Stimulation and Locomotor Training

The New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center will host a webinar titled Epidural Stimulation and Locomotor Training: A Summary of the Research on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) (check-in at 6:15). Join in to hear Dr. Susan J. Harkema address recent research findings on standardized locomotor training to individuals with chronic incomplete spinal cord injury. Participants also will learn about a research study involving an individual with SCI who, after months of therapy, was able to move his legs with the use of epidural stimulation.

To register, click here or logon to http://development.bmc.org/NERSCICwebcast. For more information, call 617-638-7314 or email Judi.Zazula@bmc.org

Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Researchers Convene

SCI Model Systems project directors convened February 6–7, 2012, in Arlington, Virginia, to exchange ideas on ongoing research projects, forge collaboration among Model System grantees, and discuss future directions for the SCI Model Systems research. Visit the SCI Model Systems Facebook page to see some of the researchers who are engaged in the work of SCI Model Systems.

See more information about SCI Model Systems.
Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems

Traumatic Brain Injury Model System of Virginia Commonwealth University to Host 36th Annual Williamsburg Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference
The TBI Model System of Virginia Commonwealth University along with Brain Injury Services of Northern Virginia will present the 36th Annual Williamsburg Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference May 3–4, 2012. Conference participants will learn about new strategies and best practices in TBI rehabilitation.

Learn more about the world’s longest running conference focusing on TBI rehabilitation by visiting the conference homepage. In addition, Lisa Garver is available by phone at 703-451-8881, ext. 224, or e-mail at lgarver@braininjurysvcs.org to provide additional information.

See more information about TBI Model Systems.

March Is Brain Injury Awareness Month!
Do you want to learn more about TBI? Visit the center’s website to access consumer-friendly materials grounded in the research of TBI Model Systems grantees. Topics include TBI and sleep, driving, depression, sexuality, alcoholism, and more.

See more TBI consumer information.

Burn Injury Model Systems

BBC News Highlights Work of the University of Washington Burn Injury Rehabilitation Model System
NIDRR Model Systems grantee University of Washington Harborview Burn Center was featured in a January 31, 2011, BBC News article “Easing Pain for Burn Victims Using Virtual Reality.” The story highlighted SnowWorld, a “pioneering treatment” for burn rehabilitation created by Professors Hunter Hoffmann and David Patterson. SnowWorld is an immersive three-dimensional virtual-reality game set in an ice canyon. This innovative game is highly effective at decreasing the perception of pain in patients recovering from severe burn injuries.

View the BBC article.
View the center’s Managing Pain After Burn Injury factsheet.

Burn Model Systems Factsheet Offers Insight on Understanding and Improving Body Image.
Major burn injuries can change how the body looks and functions and lead to body image distress. Learn more about body image distress, burn injury phases of healing, and negotiating social interactions after experiencing burn injury with the factsheet, Understanding and Improving Body Image after Burn Injury.

View the Understanding and Improving Body Image after Burn Injury factsheet.
See more information about Burn Injury Model Systems.

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