Headlines from the MSKTC

**Spinal Cord Injury**

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) Selects 14 Institutions as Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Centers

The Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Model Systems program supports innovative research to improve outcomes for individuals with SCI. Each SCI Model Systems Center contributes to the SCI Model Systems Data Center; conducts SCI research; and provides resources to individuals with SCI, family members/caregivers, health care professionals, and the general public.

*Click [here](#) for a complete list of the 2011-2016 SCI Model Systems Center grantees. Click [here](#) for consumer information developed under the SCI Model Systems program.*

**Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Grantees Participate in White House Meeting on SCI Rehabilitation Research**

SCI Model Systems project directors participated in a meeting at the White House last November to discuss recommendations from the *State of the Science in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation* conference. Issues covered included: neurologic and functional recovery; assistive technology for mobility and function; aging and secondary conditions; and psychosocial vocational and quality of life outcomes. The meeting was sponsored by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) and the Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR).

*Click [here](#) for draft recommendations from the State of the Science in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation conference.*

**Traumatic Brain Injury**

Northern California Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems of Care Promotes Second Annual Santa Clara Valley Brain Injury Conference

The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, in collaboration with the Northern California Traumatic Brain Injury Model System of Care, will host the Second Annual Santa Clara Valley Brain Injury Conference February 23-25 in San Jose, California. Conference topics include: return to work and community; medical complexity; innovative treatment approaches; advocacy; and military and veterans issues. The event will appeal to physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, administrators, researchers, advocates, individuals with brain injury, family members, and caregivers.

*Click [here](#) for additional conference information and registration.*
Consumer Information on Alcohol Use after Traumatic Brain Injury

A new evidence-based consumer factsheet titled Alcohol Use after Traumatic Brain Injury is now available. This document was developed by Dr. Charles Bombardier of the University of Washington TBI Model System, endorsed by TBI Model System directors, and reviewed by individuals with TBI.

Click here to access the Alcohol Use after Traumatic Brain Injury factsheet.
Click here for additional consumer information developed under the TBI Model Systems program.

Research Study Opportunity for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury

The Santa Clara Valley Medical Center is recruiting individuals with TBI for a NIDRR-funded research study on fatigue. Subjects will participate in a one-hour interview and will receive $25.00 for their involvement.

Click here for eligibility requirements and additional information.
Email Paul Carufel (paul.carufel@hhs.sccgov.org) if you are interested in participating.

The New York Times Highlights Work of Virginia Commonwealth University’s Traumatic Brain Injury Model System Team

The New York Times recently featured the work of the Virginia Commonwealth University’s Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (VCU-TBIMS) team in the article “When Injuries to the Brain Tear at Hearts.” The article discusses the work of Jeffrey S. Kreutzer, PhD; Emilie Godwin, PhD; and associates at VCU-TBIMS in developing novel evidence-based counseling methods for married couples in which one spouse has sustained a TBI.

Click here to access the full story and learn more.

Burn Injury

Burn Model Systems Researchers to Participate in 44th Annual Meeting of the American Burn Association (ABA)

Burn Model Systems (BMS) researchers will participate in the American Burn Association’s 44th Annual Meeting April 24-27 in Seattle, Washington. Presentation topics will include: wound care, reconstruction, rehabilitation, pain management, nutrition, public health, and psychosociology.

Click here for additional conference information and registration.

Burn Model Systems Factsheet Offers Guidance for Managing Pain

Individuals with burn injuries can access newly-posted consumer information at MSKTC.org to learn more about how to manage pain. Issues addressed in the Managing Pain after Burn Injury factsheet include: tips for talking with a physician about pain; a discussion of the different types of pain; and medical and behavioral options for treating pain.

Click here to access the Managing Pain after Burn Injury factsheet.
Click here for additional consumer information developed under the Burn Model Systems program.
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