July 2013 MSKTC Headlines

The Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) hosted a Webinar on May 28, 2013, titled “Engaging with Audiences: A Learning Collaborative.” The event attracted a strong turnout of Model Systems staff who learned from six of their colleagues about ways to engage various audiences, including individuals with an injury, clinicians, and policymakers. Please find a recording of the session and PowerPoint slides with notes here.

We thank the Model Systems researchers who worked with us to create the presentation, including Radha Holavanahalli from the North Texas Burn Rehabilitation Model System, Tessa Hart from the Moss Rehab Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, Bethlyn Houlihan from the New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center, Annmarie Kelleher and Mike Boninger from the University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury, John Corrigan and Jennifer Bogner from the Ohio State Regional Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, and Phil Klebine from University of Alabama-Birmingham Spinal Cord Injury Model System.

In addition, a compendium of the information shared by the Model Systems will be produced and publicized on the Center for Patient and Consumer Engagement Web site within the next month. Please visit that Web site for more information.

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

MSKTC Invites Participants for an SCI Factsheet Survey

The MSKTC is seeking input from consumers with SCI and their families on topics for future factsheets. Ideas can be submitted by completing a brief online survey. To receive a hard copy of the survey, send requests to msktc@air.org. Current factsheets are available from the MSKTC Web site.

SCI Model System Invites Participants for a Study

The University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System (U-M SCIMS) is recruiting participants for a survey study to learn more about bowel and bladder management and complications and their effect on quality of life among people with a traumatic SCI. Eligible candidates must be at least 18 years old and have had a traumatic SCI for at least 5 years with associated changes to bowel and/or bladder functioning. In addition, they must have received SCI treatment from the University of Michigan Health System or agree to make medical records available and be willing to participate in a 1–2 hour interview. Study participants will receive compensation of $20. To volunteer for this study or learn more, email SCI-Model-System@umich.edu or call 734–763–0971.

SCI Model Systems Seek Participants for a Health Care Provider Survey

The New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (NERSCIC) Model System has created a brief online survey to identify primary health care providers who deliver an excellent health care
experience for people with SCI. One of the goals of the survey is to find out whether individuals with SCI have seen someone in family practice, physiatry, mental health, internal medicine, or SCI-related specialty care. The survey is anonymous and will be active until September 3. Feedback from the survey will be used to create a list of clinicians in the New England area (Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, and Vermont) who do a good job of caring for people with SCI. The resulting list of “SCI-friendly providers” will be made available to consumers and providers in New England. For hard copies of the survey or for more information, please contact Judi Zazula M.S., O.T.R./L. at judiz@bu.edu or 866–607–1804 (toll-free).

**Model Systems Researcher Authored the Most-Cited Paper Published in Spinal Cord 2012**

A paper authored by Dr. Michael DeVivo, director emeritus from the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC), was recently named the most-cited paper published in Spinal Cord in 2012. The paper, titled “Epidemiology of Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury: Trends and Future Implications,” is based primarily on data from the SCI Model System Database and was prepared for The State of the Science in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation: Informing a New Research Agenda conference held June 5–7, 2011. View the article [here](#).

====—Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)====

**Model Systems Researcher Earns the Mitchell Rosenthal Award**

The MSKTC congratulates Tessa Hart, Ph.D., principal investigator from the Moss Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, for receiving the Mitchell Rosenthal Award. The Rosenthal Award is conferred every other year to recognize the publication judged to make the most important scientific contribution among all those that drew on the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research’s national database of patients with moderate and severe TBI. The publication that received this honor is “Participant-Proxy Agreement on Objective and Subjective Aspects of Societal Participation Following Traumatic Brain Injury.” View more about the paper [here](#).

**MSKTC Releases Consumer Factsheet: Emotional Problems After Traumatic Brain Injury**

The MSKTC recently released a factsheet titled “Emotional Problems After Traumatic Brain Injury.” A brain injury can change the way people feel or express emotions. Access the factsheet about emotional problems after a brain injury [here](#).

====—Burn====

**Burn Model System Releases Panel Discussion Video and Guided Web Site Tour**

The Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System (BH-BIMS) has posted a video of its panel discussion, “Reintegration After Burn Injury and Severe Trauma: Experiences and Strategies for Personal and Family Recovery,” to the BH-BIMS Web site. In the video, panelists discuss their experiences and strategies for personal and family recovery from burn injury. A guided tour of the Web site is also available via the [podcast](#).
Model Systems Researcher Appointed by the American Burn Association

The MSKTC congratulates Radha Holavanahalli, Ph.D., director of research from the North Texas Burn Rehabilitation Model System (NTBRMS), for being appointed Vice Chair of the Aftercare Reintegration Committee by the American Burn Association’s Board of Trustees for the 2013–14 term.

Model Systems Researcher Elected Chair of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

The MSKTC congratulates Karen Kowalske, M.D., project director from the North Texas Burn Rehabilitation Model System (NTBRMS), who was voted Chair of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation effective August 2013.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 27–29       Paralyzed Veterans of America Summit 2013
Sept. 2–4        Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals Annual Meeting
Oct. 9–12        Phoenix Society's Annual World Burn Congress 2013
Nov. 12–16       ACRM 90th Annual Conference