June 2012 MSKTC Headlines

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

American Spinal Cord Injury Association Presents 2012 Apple Award to SCI Model System researchers

This year Mark Nash, Ph.D., Co-Project Director of the South Florida SCI Model System, accepted the 2012 Apple Award on behalf of model systems researchers involved in a NIDRR-funded SCI collaborative research project. The Apple Award is an annual prize for excellence in publishing in spinal cord injury rehabilitation research. The winning publication was developed by model systems researchers from the South Florida SCI Model System, Southern California SCI Model System, Northern New Jersey SCI Model System, and the previously NIDRR-funded Mount Sinai SCI Model System. It is entitled “Safety, Tolerance, and Efficacy of Extended-Release Niacin Monotherapy for Treating Dyslipidemia Risks in Persons With Chronic Tetraplegia: A Randomized Multicenter Controlled Trial,” and can be found here.

Consumer slideshow about SCI and employment available from the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center

The Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center regularly develops consumer factsheets about topics relevant to SCI. View our *new* consumer slideshow featuring information about SCI and employment, developed by SCI model systems researchers Kurt Johnson, Ph.D., and Jim Krause, Ph.D., in collaboration with the MSKTC.

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

TBI Model Systems research will be represented at the 2012 HSR&D/QUERI National Conference

The MSKTC will disseminate information about TBI Model Systems research at the Veterans Affairs’ 2012 Health Services Research & Development Service/Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (HSR&D/QUERI) National Conference. Participants will attend conference presentations, workshops, and poster sessions that align with the conference theme, “Transforming Veteran Healthcare through Partner-Oriented Research.” This event will occur
July 16–19 at the Gaylord National Hotel in the Washington, DC area. Click here for additional information about the conference.

**Consumer slideshow about TBI and alcohol available from the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center**

Up to two-thirds of people with TBI have a history of alcohol abuse or risky drinking. Learn more from the new consumer slideshow at www.msktc.org, adapted from the factsheet developed by model systems researcher Charles Bombardier, Ph.D., in collaboration with the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center.

=====Burn=====**

**Consumer factsheet about Wound Care and Scar Management available from the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center**

Burn scarring and wounds can limit a survivor’s ability to function, as well as affect his or her body image. Learn more about burn scars and how to treat them from the factsheet Wound Care and Scar Management, which was developed by Burn model systems researchers Sandra Hall, PT, Karen Kowalske, M.D., and Radha Holavanahalli, Ph.D., in collaboration with the MSKTC.

**Upcoming Events**

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