June 2017 MSKTC Headlines

Model Systems Researchers Honored with American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) Awards
Each year, AAPM&R recognizes lifetime achievement, distinguished membership, public service, and pioneering physiatrists, clinicians, and researchers who have made significant contributions to both the specialty and to people with disabilities. The following Model Systems researchers have been honored in 2017:

- Kathleen R. Bell, MD, FAAPMR - Frank H. Krusen, MD Lifetime Achievement Award
- Flora M. Hammond, MD, FAAPMR - Distinguished Member Award
- Cheri A. Blauwet, MD, FAAPMR - Distinguished Public Service

The awards recipients will be honored at the AAPM&R 2017 Annual Assembly, to be held October 12-15, 2017 in Denver, CO. Learn more here.

MSKTC Publishes 2017 Facts and Figures Factsheets
The MSKTC has published the 2017 SCI, TBI, and Burn Facts and Figures data sheets on the MSKTC website. Each data sheet provides a quick reference on demographics and the use of services by people with SCI, TBI, or Burn in the United States. Click on the links below to access each data sheet:

- SCI: Spinal Cord Injury Facts and Figures at a Glance
- TBI: National Database: 2017 Profile of People within the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems
- Burn (Adult): National Database: 2017 Profile of Adults Included in the Burn Injury Model Systems
- Burn (Children): National Database: 2017 Profile of Children Included in the Burn Injury Model Systems

MSKTC Researchers and Collaborators Publish Article in the Journal of Medical Internet Research
MSKTC and collaborators recently published an article in the Journal of Medical Internet Research. The article is entitled, “Identifying and Understanding the Health Information Experiences and Preferences of Caregivers of Individuals With Either Traumatic Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, or Burn Injury: A Qualitative Investigation.” The study explored the preferred sources of health information for caregivers supporting individuals with injuries, and how access to this information could be improved. Access the article here.

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

SCI Model System Researcher Presents at Harvard Medical School
Chloe Slocum, MD, researcher at the Spaulding New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (SNERSCIC), facilitated an Equity and Social Justice Training sponsored by the Office for Diversity Inclusion and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School on May 22, 2017. The training was entitled, “Disabilities and Health Equity: Achieving Inclusion through Dialogue and Advocacy.” A review of health disparities for people with disabilities and the intersection of disability with other social determinants of health was provided. The training focused on how advocacy has informed health care for people with disabilities and the role of disability in health professionals’ education. Learn more here.
SCI Model System Center’s New Knowledge in Motion Video Now Posted to Online Videos
Library
Spaulding New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (SNERSCIC) recently posted the recorded webcast, “The Future is Here: What Can Robotics Do for Individuals with SCI” to the Knowledge in Motion Video Library. The webcast was presented by Dr. Paolo Bonato, director of the Motion Analysis Laboratory (MAL) at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, MA. Dr. Bonato discussed how robotic systems and assistive devices with robotic capabilities are currently used to regain and retrain motor function and improve independence for individuals living with SCI. The benefits, challenges, and personal commitment from the consumer perspective are also discussed. A panel of consumer end users, physical therapists, and researchers answered participants’ questions about their experiences as part of the MAL Robotics Program. The library of all videos in the Knowledge in Motion Education Series can be viewed here.

SCI Model System Center Research Featured in ACRM Podcast and AMPR Journal
Bethlyn Houlihan MSW, MPH and Sarah Everhart Skeels, MPH, researchers at the Spaulding New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (SNERSCIC), were featured in a recent ACRM podcast. Hosted by Dr. Ford Fox, the in-depth interview “Spinal Cord Injury Peers” focused on the innovative My Care My Call pilot intervention study, which used peer health coaching over the phone to effectively activate people with chronic SCI in managing their own health and health care. The podcast is available here on Episode 3 of the ACRM audio hub for rehabilitation medicine. The My Care My Call pilot intervention outcomes article, “Randomized Trial of a Peer-Led, Telephone-Based Empowerment Intervention for Persons with Chronic Spinal Cord Injury Improves Health Self-Management” was also featured in the June 2017 issue of the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Access the abstract here. For additional information on the MCMC intervention, please contact Ms. Bethlyn Houlihan at bvergo@bu.edu.

== Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) ==

TBI Researchers Recognized with Mitchell Rosenthal Award
Anne C. Ritter, DPh, portfolio manager for the United States Army Military Research and Material Command, and Amy K. Wagner, MD, project director of the University of Pittsburgh Model Center for Traumatic Brain Injury (UPMC-TBI), have been granted the 2016 Mitchell Rosenthal Award. Drs. Ritter and Wagner were recognized with this honor for their work as the first author and corresponding author of the article, “Prognostic Models for Predicting Posttraumatic Seizures During Acute Hospitalization, and at 1 and 2 Years Following Traumatic Brain Injury.” Mitchell Rosenthal played a significant role as a researcher, TBI Model Systems National Data Base curator, and program administrator in the TBI Model Systems program. In 2008, the TBIMS project directors established an award in his honor to keep his legacy alive and inspire new generations of investigators. The Mitchell Rosenthal Award recognizes the best scientific paper using data from the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems National Data and Statistical Center (TBINDSC). Access the abstract for the award-winning article here.

TBI Model System Researcher Honored with Two 2017 ACRM Awards
Kristen Dams-O’Connor, PhD, of the New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (NYTBIMS), has been honored with two awards from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM). She received both the 2017 Mitchell Rosenthal Mid-Career Award and the 2017 Joshua B. Cantor Scholar Award. The Mitchell Rosenthal Mid-Career Award was established in 2013 to recognize clinician-scientists working in the spirit of Dr. Rosenthal in the field of brain injury rehabilitation. Recipients of this award are mid-career leaders in rehabilitation science making significant contributions to the field through their current brain injury rehabilitation research. The Joshua B. Cantor Scholar Award is presented to a Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG) member in recognition of
outstanding research that is judged to be a significant contribution to the field of brain injury rehabilitation. Dr. Dams-O’Connor is Director of the Brain Injury Research Center of Mount Sinai and Associate Professor in the Departments of Rehabilitation Medicine and Neurology at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. Learn more about the Mitchell Rosenthal Mid-Career Award here and the Joshua B. Cantor Scholar Award here.

TBI Model System Researcher Presents Keynote Lecture and Workshop at Brain Impairment Conference
Tessa Hart, PhD, principal investigator of the Moss Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (MTBIMS), was a featured speaker at the 40th Annual Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI) Brain Impairment Conference, held June 1-3, 2017 in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Hart’s keynote lecture was entitled, "Anger Self-Management in Traumatic Brain Injury: Outcomes and Lessons Learned from a Randomized Clinical Trial." At the same meeting, Dr. Hart also delivered an invited half-day workshop entitled, "What Are We Doing When We Treat Our Patients? A Scheme-In-Progress for Analyzing the Active Ingredients of Rehabilitation." Learn more here.

TBI Model System Centers Publish Articles in the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation
Researchers from a host of TBI Model System Centers co-authored two recently published articles:


Burn Model System Researchers Publish Article in Quality of Life Research

Upcoming Events

July 7-12, 2017
National Neurotrauma Society Symposium

July 24-27, 2017
Annual Conference on Independent Living (NCIL)
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