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Headlines from the MSKTC

Connecting consumers to research-based information in
Spinal Cord Injury, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Burn Injury

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The MSKTC provides:

Consumer Information
that offers guidance on
treatment, social issues,
and daily living after SCI,
TBI, and burn injuries.

Systematic Reviews that
compile, evaluate, and
summarize published
research evidence related
to a specific medical or
health topic.

Databases of research
articles posted by the SCI,
TBI, and Burn Model
Systems.

Upcoming Conferences:

July 22-25, 2019
[NCIL Annual Conference](#)

September 1-4, 2019
[ASCIP Educational
Conference and Expo](#)

**September 23-26,
2019**
[30th Annual State of the
States in Head Injury
Meeting](#)

October 2-5, 2019
[Phoenix World Burn
Congress](#)

October 16-18, 2019

MSKTC and Model System Win Merit Certificate from Digital Health Awards for Video

The [Exercise and Fitness After Spinal Cord Injury video](#), produced by the [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center \(MSKTC\)](#) in collaboration with researchers and individuals with SCI from the [University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury](#), was awarded a 2019 Merit Certificate from the Digital Health Awards. The 19-minute video features individuals with SCI who share their fitness routines and explain how exercise has improved their quality of life. The [Digital Health Awards](#) program is organized by the Health Information Resource Center to recognize high-quality digital health resources for consumers and health professionals.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

TBI Model System Researcher Interviewed in MedPage Today

Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD, principal investigator of the [New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System Center at Mount Sinai \(NY-TBI-MS\)](#) was interviewed for [Rehabilitation options in severe TBI: Kristen Dams-O'Connor thinks neurologists may not know all that's available](#), for the online magazine MedPage Today. In this interview, Dr. Dams-O'Connor shared information about the health management interventions available to improve health and longevity for TBI survivors.

Resource Highlight: "Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury" Factsheet Series

The TBI Model System researchers, in collaboration with the [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center \(MSKTC\)](#), recently updated the consumer factsheet series entitled "Understanding Traumatic Brain Injury." The factsheet series was developed and updated by Dr. Thomas Novack, PhD, from [University of Alabama at Birmingham Traumatic Brain Injury Model System \(UAB-TBIMS\)](#), and Tamara Bushnik, PhD, from [Rusk Rehabilitation TBIMS at NYU Langone Health and Bellevue Hospital](#) with support from the MSKTC. Available in both English and Spanish, this resource explains the effects of traumatic brain injury, impact, and recovery. The factsheet series may be reproduced and distributed freely with appropriate attribution. It is available on the MSKTC website [here](#).

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

SCI Model System Hosts In-service: "Accelerating Automotive Independence"

Members of the [Texas Spinal Cord Injury Model System at TIRR](#) partnered with United Spinal Association and National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association to host an in-service, "Accelerating Automotive Independence," June 5-6. The in-service provided expert guidance to broaden understanding of wheelchair-accessible vehicles and how they may increase

[2019 International Symposium on Wearable Robotics](#)

November 3-8, 2019
[ACRM Annual Conference](#)

independence. The in-service was attended by rehabilitation professionals/administrations as well as consumers and their family members.

SCI Model System Hosts 9th Annual Wheelchair Wash & Tune-Up

[University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury](#) hosted the 9th annual "Wheelchair Wash & Tune-Up" event on June 7 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Volunteers from the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC Mercy Hospital washed, performed minor repairs, and evaluated potential problems with participants' wheelchairs at no charge.

SCI Model System to Host 2019 International Symposium on Wearable Robotics

Members of the [Texas Spinal Cord Injury Model System at TIRR](#) will host the International Symposium on Wearable Robotics (WeRob2019) October 16-18, in Houston, Texas. The conference will highlight applications in rehabilitation as well as the role of wearable robots in promoting healthy aging and maximizing performance and safety in the workplace. The Symposium will showcase the expertise of international speakers from academia, government, industry, and rehabilitation centers, as well as the experience and feedback from users of robotic devices. For more information click [here](#).

Burn Injury (BURN)

Burn Model System Center Researchers Publish Article in *Journal of Burn Care & Research*

Researchers from the [Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System](#) recently published the manuscript, "Longitudinal Clinical Trial Recruitment and Retention Challenges in the Burn Population: Lessons Learned From a Trial Examining a Novel Intervention for Chronic Neuropathic Symptoms," in the *Journal of Burn Care & Research*. This article details the challenges in both recruitment and adherence of long-term studies in the burn population. View the article [here](#).

Resource Highlight: "Sun Protection after Burn Injury" Factsheet

The sun has many beneficial properties, but the sun emits three types of ultraviolet (UV) light that can harm skin and has been linked to skin cancers and vision problems. To learn how to protect your skin from exposure to the sun after burn injury, check out the consumer factsheet entitled "Sun Protection After Burn Injury." The factsheet was developed by Gretchen J. Carrougher MN, RN; Nicole S. Gibran, MD; Maria Caceres, BSN, RN; and Cathie Cannon, RN; from the [Northwest Regional Burn Model System](#) in collaboration with the MSKTC. Available in both English and Spanish, this resource explains how sun exposure affects your skin, ways to limit sun exposure, and offers resources to learn more about protecting yourself. The factsheet may be reproduced and distributed freely with appropriate attribution. It is available on the MSKTC website [here](#).

MSKTC Recruiting Participants for Burn Injury Consumer Factsheet Testing

The [MSKTC](#) is recruiting individuals with burn injury and their caregivers to provide feedback on a new factsheet entitled, "Delirium after burn injury." To be eligible, participants must be at least 18 years old. Participants will receive a \$25 gift card for their time. Call 202-403-5600 or email msktc@air.org to register.

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