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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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**SCI/TBI Model Systems Researcher Gives Homer Townsend Memorial Lecture at PVA Summit**

Kimberley Monden, PhD, principal investigator for multiple NIDILRR-funded projects and from the currently-funded Model System centers, the [Rocky Mountain Regional Brain Injury System](#) and the [Rocky Mountain Regional Spinal Injury System at Craig Hospital](#), was recently invited to give the Homer Townsend Memorial Lecture, "Resilience: Bouncing Back in the Face of Adversity," at the 2019 Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Health Summit in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Monden's work focuses on resilience and perceptions of injustice following traumatic injury.

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**Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**

**TBI Model Systems and MSKTC Researchers Participate in March On for Brain Injury**

Researchers from [New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, Rusk Rehabilitation TBIMS at NYU Langone Health and Bellevue Hospital](#), and the [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center](#) participated in the March On for Brain Injury 2019 in New York City. Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD, project director of the New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, was an honoree of the event. March On for Brain Injury was a one day walk that raises awareness for brain injury and funds for Brain Injury Association of New York State. Occurring in multiple locations throughout New York state, this event attracted hundreds of TBI survivors, family members, and caregivers for a day of family fun and celebration. For more information [click here](http://www.icontact-archive.com/archive?c=1077336&f=14626&s=15400&m=812624&t=1c52671e75281f57e781d3118f23a3a51a7fe072f6df7e60cee6f3e6aab43[9/30/2019 8:03:24 AM]).

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**Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)**

**SCI Model System Researchers Publish in Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**

SCI Model System researchers co-authored a recent publication, "Racial and ethnic differences in obesity in people with spinal cord injury: The effects of disadvantaged neighborhood," published in the [Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation](#). This research analyzed data from the [National Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Database](#) linked with neighborhood data from American Community Survey by census tract to examine the role of neighborhood in the relationship between race and obesity in 3,385 people with chronic spinal cord injury at 17 SCI Model System centers. Authors are from the following currently-funded SCI Model System centers: [National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center](#) (Yuying Chen, MD, PhD; and Huacong Wen, MD, PhD), [Northern New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury System](#) (Amanda Botticello, PhD), [Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System](#) (Allen Heinemann, PhD), [University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury](#).
MSKTC collaborators and co-project directors of the Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System, David Chen, MD, and Allen Heinemann, PhD, recently presented at the 2019 Educational Conference of the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals. They were accompanied by presenter Thea Flaum, BA, and panelists Toby Huston, PhD; Trish Hicks, MSW; Linda Madaris, DNP, ARNP-BC, CRRN; and Laura Wehrll, PT, DPT, NCS, ATP. The presentation focused on introducing "Voices of Experience: Living with Spinal Cord Injury," a 10-part video series developed in collaboration with Facing Disability. The video project aims to enhance psychosocial adaptation of persons with recent SCI through videos featuring people who have been living with SCI for years. Information about the conference can be found here.

MSKTC collaborator David Chen, MD, co-project director of the Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System, will speak at the upcoming annual Spinal Cord Injury Association seminar on September 28, 2019, at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab in Chicago, Illinois. While Dr. Chen’s talk will focus on disseminating information about how to improve neurogenic bowel and bladder function, the seminar will address a number of topics related to living with and caring for individuals with SCI. Other topics of discussion include: metabolic syndrome, depression, functional outcomes and prognosis following SCI, and respiratory complications. Registration information for the seminar is available here.

Claire Kalpakjian, PhD, principal investigator for multiple NIDILRR-funded projects and from the previously-funded University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System, will receive the 2019 Early Career Outstanding Mentor Award from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM). Dr. Kalpakjian’s work focuses on improving the reproductive health care of women with disabilities by creating tools that enhance communication, knowledge, and decision-making. Learn more about this award here.

Burn Model System Researchers Publish Article in Burns
Burn Model System researchers recently published the manuscript, "The impact of electrical injury on long-term outcomes: A Burn Model System National Database study," in the journal Burns. This article reports that individuals with electrical injuries had worse physical health outcomes and were less likely to be employed at 24 months post-injury compared to those with fire/flame injuries. Authors are from the following currently-funded Burn Model System centers: Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System (Olivia R. Stockly, BS; Audrey W. Wolfe, MPH; Leda F. Espinoza, BA; Laura C. Simko, BS; Lewis E. Kazis, ScD; Colleen M. Ryan, MD; and Jeffrey C. Schneider, MD), Northwest Regional Burn Model System (Gretchen J. Carrougher, RN, MN; Nicole S. Gibran, MD; and Alyssa M. Bamer, MPH), North Texas Burn Rehabilitation Model System (Karen Kowalske, MD), and Pediatric Burn Injury Rehabilitation Model System (Walter J. Meyer, MD; Marta Rosenberg, PhD; and Laura Rosenberg, PhD). View the abstract here.

Burn Model System Researchers Recruiting Participants for Research Study
Researchers from the Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System in collaboration with Shriners Hospital for Children are recruiting parents of children 5 years old and under with burn injuries to complete a one-time, online outcomes questionnaire. This questionnaire will be used by parents of children with burns and their clinicians to track recovery and help improve rehabilitation and early intervention efforts. Participants will be compensated with a $15 Amazon gift card for their time. For more information, contact Gabrielle Grant at 617-371-4929 or preschoolLIBRE@shrinenet.org.

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.
Connect with us by liking us on Facebook and following us on Twitter. We have three injury areas:

**SCI**

**TBI**

**Burn**

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