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Headlines from the MSKTC

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

April 7-9, 2021
[53rd Annual American Burn Association \(ABA\) Meeting](#)

April 8-11, 2021
[American Occupational Therapy Association \(AOTA\) Annual Conference](#)

April 17-22, 2021
[43rd Annual John A. Boswick Burn & Wound Care Symposium](#)

July 8-10, 2021
[Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association \(ASIA\)](#)

July 19-22, 2021
[National Conference on Independent Living \(NCIL\) Annual Conference](#)

Model System Centers to Host Webinar on Chronic Conditions

The [Spaulding-Harvard Traumatic Brain Injury Model System](#), [Spaulding New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center](#), and [Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System](#) are hosting a joint webinar entitled, "Tri-model Systems Webinar on Chronic Conditions in Burn, SCI, TBI." Researchers will discuss the trajectory of traumatic injuries developing into chronic conditions. This webinar will feature keynote speaker Michael Choo, MD, MBA, along with the three Model System Project Directors as discussants: Joseph Giacino, PhD; Ross Zafonte, DO; and Jeffrey Schneider, MD. This webinar is open to everyone from the TBI, SCI, and burn injury communities – individuals with TBI, SCI, or burn injury, their family members and caregivers, advocates, physicians, and researchers. The webinar will be held February 4, 2021, at 1:00pm ET. Registration information is available [here](#).



Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

MSKTC Recruiting Caregivers of Veterans with TBI for Consumer Factsheet Testing

The [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center](#) (MSKTC) is recruiting caregivers of veterans with traumatic brain injury to provide feedback on a new factsheet entitled, "Stress Management Strategies for Caregivers." 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.

MSKTC Recruiting Individuals with TBI and their Caregivers for Consumer Factsheet Testing

The [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center](#) (MSKTC) is recruiting individuals with traumatic brain injury and their caregivers to provide feedback on a number of new factsheets on topics such as behavior changes after TBI and voting tips for people with TBI. The MSKTC is also recruiting caregivers of individuals with traumatic brain injury to provide feedback on a new factsheet entitled, "Stress Management Strategies for Caregivers." 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.



Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

SCI Model System Center Hosts Courses in TIRR Education Academy

The site of the [Texas Model Spinal Cord Injury System](#), The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR) Memorial Hermann, is offering courses as part of the **TIRR Education Academy**. The **TIRR Education Academy** is intended to empower staff to be innovators and intentional leaders in best practice as evidenced by education, certifications, teaching, and research.

The Model System site provided two live day-long virtual training courses designed for occupational therapists (OTs), physical therapists (PTs), nurses, and music therapists (MTs) in early January entitled, "Advancing Clinical Practice: Practical Insights for the Management of Neurogenic Bowel and Bladder after Spinal Cord Injury or Disease (SCI/D)" and "Advancing Clinical Practice in Spinal Cord Injury." Learn more about future live interactive

September 5-8, 2021

[Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals \(ASCIP\) Annual Meeting](#)

September 26-29, 2021

[American Congress of Rehabilitative Medicine \(ACRM\) 98th Annual Conference](#)

October 25, 27, 29, 2021

[Knowledge Translation for Disability & Rehabilitation Research \(KTDRR\) Virtual Knowledge Translation Conference](#)

learning [here](#).

Two additional training programs, with continuing education units (CEUs) opportunities, have been developed and are available on-demand through December 31, 2021, via a pre-recorded online distance learning format. The "Advancing Clinical Practice in Spinal Cord Injury" course is open to OTs, PTs, nurses, MTs, and speech language pathologists (SLPs). A second course, "Topics in Spinal Cord Injury for the SLP," is designed for SLPs and MTs. More information about these courses is available [here](#).

SCI Model System Researchers Recruiting Participants for Focus Group

Researchers from the [Texas Model Spinal Cord Injury System](#) and [Mount Sinai Hospital Spinal Cord Injury Model System](#) are looking for people who have provided care for a woman with SCI to participate in a focus group to discuss the healthcare needs of women with SCI. The only requirement is that the participant has cared for a woman with SCI, currently or at some time in the past, as either a paid caregiver or a non-paid family caregiver. Participation consists of answering a short online questionnaire and participating in a 2-hour online focus group. All caregivers who participate in a focus group will have their name placed in a raffle to win a \$100 gift card. For more information, please call (713) 927-5260 or fill out the form [here](#).



Burn Injury (BURN)

Burn Model System Researchers Publish in *Annals of Surgery*

Researchers from [Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System](#) published the article, "The Impact of Burn Size on Community Participation: A Life Impact Burn Recovery Evaluation (LIBRE) Study," in *Annals of Surgery*. Increasing burn size was found to be negatively associated with selected items of work and employment and "social activities," but positively associated with aspects of "family and friend relationships." Future longitudinal studies are necessary to assess and understand the long-term social impact of burn injuries on adult populations. This information is important in developing informed recovery plans for survivors after acute care. The abstract can be found [here](#).



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SCI



TBI



Burn



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