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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:

**April 2-5, 2019**  
[51st American Burn Association Annual Meeting](#)

**April 2-5, 2019**  
[Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association \(ASIA\)](#)

**April 4-7, 2019**  
[AOTA Annual Conference](#)

**May 6-7, 2019**  
[Brain Injury Rehabilitation Conference](#)

## Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

### TBI Model System Center Marks Brain Injury Awareness Month with a Seminar

To mark Brain Injury Awareness Month, the [North Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System](#) (NTTBIMS), including the University of Texas Southwestern and the Baylor Scott and White Institute of Rehabilitation, joined with the Dallas Fort Worth support group, Hope After Brain Injury, to present the seminar, "Partners in Recovery, Partners in Life: Traveling the Path after Traumatic Brain Injury." Kathleen Bell, MD, and Rosemary "Randi" Dubiel, DO, co-investigators at the NTTBIMS, and their colleagues, presented information to 160 registrants about how to maintain marital and family relationships after TBI. A panel of spouses, parents/children, and other couples shared their experiences. Learn more [here](#).

### TBI Model System Centers and MSKTC Researchers Participate in the 2019 Brain Injury Awareness Day on Capitol Hill

Researchers from [TBI Model System Centers](#) and the [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center \(MSTKC\)](#) exhibited at the 2019 Congressional Brain Injury Task Force Awareness Day. The event was held on March 13, 2019, on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Individuals with TBI and their family members, policymakers, advocates, researchers, and other stakeholders attended the event.

### TBI Model System Center Hosts Annual Event

The [Rocky Mountain Regional Brain Injury System](#) held its annual conference, "Living Well With Brain Injury," celebrating March as Brain Injury Awareness Month. The goal of this event is to provide support, information, and resources to the Model System Center's Brain Injury graduates and families. This year's event featured a resource fair and roundtable discussion sessions. Learn more [here](#).

### TBI Model System Researcher Interviewed in *Tonic Magazine*

Joseph T. Giacino, PhD, principal investigator at the [Spaulding-Harvard Traumatic Brain Injury Model System Center](#), was interviewed for an article, "What romantic comedies get wrong about brain damage," in the online magazine *Tonic*. Dr. Giacino discussed the cognitive impact of brain injury and how a family's expectations can differ from the reality of recovery and rehabilitation. Learn more [here](#).

## Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

### Resource Highlight: "Experience of Robotic Exoskeleton Use at Four Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Centers" Quick Review

The [MSKTC](#) recently published a quick review on "Experience of robotic exoskeleton use at

four spinal cord injury model systems centers.” In plain language, the quick review describes clinicians’ experiences using robotic exoskeletons in SCI rehabilitation and provides strategies for how consumers and other stakeholders can use the results of the study. Access the quick review [here](#).

### **MSKTC Recruiting Participants for SCI Consumer Factsheet Testing**

The [MSKTC](#) is recruiting individuals with SCI and their caregivers to provide feedback on a new factsheet entitled, “Surgical and reconstructive treatment of pressure injuries.” 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 [mktc@air.org](mailto:mktc@air.org) to register.

## **Burn Injury (BURN)**

### **Burn Model System Researchers to Participate at American Burn Association Annual Meeting**

A host of Burn Model System researchers will present papers and deliver lectures to advance the field of burn injury at the American Burn Association’s 51st Annual Meeting to be held April 2-5, 2019, in Las Vegas, NV. The list of participants who have submitted conference presentations to the MSKTC can be found [here](#). Researchers from the [Burn Model System](#) centers, the [Burn Model System National Data and Statistical Center](#), and the [MSKTC](#) will exhibit at booth #222; please stop by and say hello. Additional information about the upcoming conference can be found [here](#).



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