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RESPIRATORY HEALTH AND SPINAL CORD INJURY INFOCOMIC
WINS SILVER DIGITAL HEALTH AWARD®

ARLINGTON, VA — An infocomic that highlights the effects of spinal cord injury (SCI) on respiratory health and explains ways to keep lungs healthy after SCI was selected as a winner of the Spring 2022 Silver Digital Health Awards®. The *Respiratory Health and Spinal Cord Injury infocomic* was produced by the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) in collaboration with researchers and individuals with SCI and was adapted from the *Respiratory Health and Spinal Cord Injury factsheet*.

"Comics are an important knowledge translation tool," said Jeremy Rasmussen, who leads infocomic development for the MSKTC. "Seeing images while reading words gives readers a context for framing the content, reinforcing their understanding, and creating more lasting memories."

"We recently started transforming the catalog of infocomic PDFs into web-based, mobile-responsive versions to maximize usability," said Amber Hammond, who leads dissemination and website content for the MSKTC. "This allows us to provide an alternative text page that describes the visuals, increasing accessibility."

The Digital Health Awards® competition — held each spring and fall — recognizes the world's best digital health resources. The Health Information Resource Center℠ (HIRC), organizer of the Digital Health Awards, is a national information clearinghouse for professionals who work in consumer health fields. For the 24th Annual Digital Health Awards® Spring session, a panel of 57 experts in digital health media served as judges and selected gold, silver, bronze, and merit winners from nearly 700 entries.

"The *Respiratory Health and Spinal Cord Injury infocomic* is the third product produced by the MSKTC to be honored by the Digital Health Awards® program," said Xinsheng "Cindy" Cai, project director of the MSKTC. "The video, *Sexual Health and Intimacy After Burn Injury*, received a Silver award in Spring 2021, and the *Exercise and Fitness After Burn Injury* video received a Merit award in Spring 2019."

To view the award-winning *Respiratory Health and Spinal Cord Injury* infocomic, visit: https://msktc.org/sci/infocomics/respiratory-health-and-spinal-cord-injury, where you can also

access the text version, English PDF, and Spanish PDF of the infocomic. To find a suite of resources on respiratory health and SCI, visit: https://msktc.org/sci-topics/respiratory-health.

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ABOUT THE MODEL SYSTEMS KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION CENTER

The Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) is a national center that supports the Model Systems programs in meeting the information needs of individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and burn injury by summarizing research, identifying health information needs, and developing and disseminating information resources. The MSKTC is funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). NIDILRR is an office within the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIDILRR funds Model Systems to conduct innovative and high-quality research, provide patient care, and offer services to improve the health and overall quality of life of individuals with SCI, TBI, and burn injury. For more information, visit http://www.msktc.org.