March 2013 MSKTC Headlines

Model Systems Researchers Presented at the 15th Annual Conference of the American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology and Division 22 of the American Psychological Association

Dr. Denise Fyffe from Northern New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury System and Dr. Anthony Lequerica from Northern New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury System gave a presentation at the 15th Annual Conference of the American Board of Rehabilitation Psychology and Division 22 of the American Psychological Association held last month, February 21st-24th in Jacksonville Florida. The presentation was entitled, Clinical and research perspectives on cultural issues in rehabilitation. In this presentation, they highlighted some of the work that has been done through the Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems looking at health disparities and cultural issues associated with rehabilitation outcomes. View the conference schedule for more information.

======Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)======

Model Systems Researcher Appointed as Editor in Chief of the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Dr. Allen Heinemann from the Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System (MRSCICS) was recently appointed as Editor in Chief of the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. The MSKTC congratulates and thanks Dr. Heinemann for his many contributions to the field of spinal cord injury.

Model Systems Researcher Published in Physical Therapy


Model System Honored by the National Spinal Cord Association

Spaulding-Harvard Spinal Cord Injury Model System (SH-SCI) was recently honored by The Greater Boston Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association for its exemplary achievements which inspire others with spinal cord injuries to achieve great feats. Dr. Leslie Morse accepted the award on behalf of the group during the Rise Above Paralysis Gala on March 16th, 2013, which brought together individuals with SCI, family members, healthcare professionals, and benefactors for a silent auction, dinner and dancing.

Model Systems Researcher Awarded by the Association of Academic Physiatrists

Dr. Diana Cardenas, principal investigator at South Florida Spinal Cord Injury Model System (SFSCIMS), was recently awarded the Distinguished Academician Award for outstanding
performance in teaching, research, and academic administration at the 2013 Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP) annual meeting held March 6th-10th in New Orleans, LA.

======Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)=====

Work of the NNJTBIS Displayed at Brain Injury Awareness Day on Capitol Hill

Karen Nolan, Ph.D. and Anthony Lequerica, Ph.D. of the Northern New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury System (NNJTBIS) attended Brain Injury Awareness Day on Capitol Hill on March 13. They disseminated copies of the NNJTBIS consumer newsletter and educated attendees on Kessler Foundation’s brain injury research and programs that expand disability employment opportunities. Representatives from the MSKTC, Rusk Rehabilitation Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System and UAB Traumatic Brain Injury Model System also attended the event.

Model Systems Researcher honored by Board of Chosen Freeholders for 2013 Women’s History Month

Nancy Chiaravalloti, PhD, project director of the Northern New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury System, was among the ‘Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination’ named by Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders for 2013 Women’s History Month. This year’s honorees were chosen for their contributions in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Dr. Chiaravalloti is director of Neuropsychology, Neuroscience and TBI Research at Kessler Foundation, and associate professor of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School.

Resource Highlight: Hot Topic Module: Relationships after TBI

The MSKTC is pleased to announce our new Hot Topic Module: Relationships after Traumatic Brain Injury. This hot topics series consists of a suite of resources to help individuals with traumatic brain injury and their partners enjoy meaningful and fulfilling relationships. It includes videos featuring Hugh and Rosemary Rawlins share how they worked with TBI Model System researchers to address challenges they faced after Hugh experienced a TBI. Access the Hot Topics Module here.

======Burn======

Model System Announces New Web Site and Relocation Plans

The Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System has launched their website. It offers a wide variety of resources about care, support, and research to meet the needs of burn survivors and clinicians. In April, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital will move to its new state-of-the-art, LEED certified, rehabilitative care and research space in Charlestown, MA. Learn more about the new Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.
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