March 2014 MSKTC Headlines

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

Model System Post New Forum Video

The Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NWRSCIS) recently posted a new forum video titled *On the Road Again: Driving after Spinal Cord Injury*. This video features an occupational therapist in the University of Washington’s Driving Rehabilitation Program who explains to get the training and adaptations necessary for driving. The video also features individuals with paraplegia and tetraplegia (quadriplegia) who discuss their equipment and modifications and share videos showing them “on the road again.” See the NWRSCIS’ complete list of SCI videos [here](#).

Resource Highlight: Depression and Spinal Cord Injury

Have you read the factsheet, *Depression and Spinal Cord Injury*, available on the MSKTC Web site? Depression affects millions of Americans, including those with SCI. Learn more about treatment options and resources on depression for people with spinal cord injury by accessing the factsheet [here](#).

Reminder: DeVivo Mentored Research Award Open for Applications

The DeVivo Mentored Research Award is now open for applications. This award is sponsored and administered by the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC) as a 1-year $3,000 research award for trainees who are interested in conducting a research project using data from the National Spinal Cord Injury Database. Applicants and mentors do not need to be affiliated with a NIDRR project but must show substantial knowledge and understanding of the database. Application deadline is July 28, 2014. [Learn more about how to apply](#).

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

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month!

Visit the MSKTC for free factsheets, slideshows, videos, and other resources to support individuals living with TBI.

Model System Launches Brain Institute and Brain Injury Symposium

The North Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (NT-TBIMS) recently launched the new Texas Institute for Brain Injury and Repair. This initiative promotes innovative research and education, with the goals of accelerating translation into better diagnosis and revolutionizing care for millions of people who suffer brain injuries each year. In addition, the NT-TBIMS recently held the two-day brain injury symposium, *A Discussion of Traumatic Brain Injury*. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was the keynote speaker and former Dallas Cowboy Daryl Johnston discussed his involvement in brain injury research.
Model Systems Research Published in February Issue of *Brain Injury*

Nancy Chiaravalloti, PhD, director of the Northern New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury Model System Center (NNJTBIMS), recently published *The impact of self-awareness and depression on subjective reports of memory, quality-of-life, and satisfaction with life following TBI* in the February issue of *Brain Injury*. Key findings demonstrate that among individuals with TBI, depression and self-awareness affect subjective reports of memory, quality of life, and satisfaction with life. View the abstract here.

=====Burn=====  
Model System Invites George Pessoti to Consortium Speakers Series

The Boston- Harvard Burn Injury Model Systems (BH-BIMS) will host the Model Systems Consortium Speakers Series titled *Coping with Adversity: Top 10 Survivor Stories of Resilience*. The event will occur at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital on April 8th at 6pm. Burn survivor, lecturer, and author, George Pessotti will share his top ten burn survivor stories through pictures and videos. Registration for this free event is required.

**Upcoming Events**

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