May 2016 MSKTC Headlines

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

Model System Center Posts New Resource
The Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System Center (NWRSCIS) posted Managing Personal Caregivers: A Panel Discussion, the latest video in the SCI Forum video series. Four individuals with cervical SCI share their stories, tips, and hard-won wisdom on the topic of personal caregivers. Each panelist presents different experiences with finding and retaining reliable, competent, and affordable caregivers and paying for care to meet one’s unique needs. Access the resource here.

Model System Center Researchers Publish Work in Multiple Journals
A host of SCI Model System Center researchers recently published articles in a variety of journals. Learn more about publications by Model Systems researchers who have submitted information to the MSKTC here.

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

Model System Center Researcher Appears on CBS Sunday Morning and NBC Dateline
Joseph Giacino, Ph.D., principal investigator of the Spaulding Harvard Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) System Center, discussed research in long-term recovery from TBI in an interview for Just Keep Going on CBS Sunday Morning. The story followed Dylan Rizzo, who sustained a severe TBI, and his recovery after injury. Access the interview here. Dr. Giacino was also interviewed for On Assignment: Life or Death Decisions on NBC Dateline. He discussed research on severe TBI and neuroplasticity, or the brain's ability to recover from injury both shortly after injury and over long periods of time. Access the interview here.

Model System Center Researchers Participate in the 9th World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation
Researchers from the Moss Traumatic Brain Injury Model System participated in the 9th World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation held May 10-13, 2016 in Philadelphia, PA. Tessa Hart, Ph.D., principal investigator of the Moss TBIMS, chaired the symposium Innovations in Neuropsychological Treatment of Emotional Dysfunction in Acquired Brain Injury. John Whyte, MD, Ph.D., co-principal investigator of the Moss TBIMS, participated in the symposium Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Rehabilitation of People with Disorders of Consciousness after Acquired Brain Injury. In addition, the Moss TBIMS hosted several networking events for international and cross-country visitors at the meeting.
Burn Model System Center Poster Receives First Place at the American Burn Association’s 48th Annual Meeting

Researchers from the Northwest Regional Burn Model System (NWRBMS) received first place for their poster, *Use of Best Practices to Improve Longitudinal Study Participation: Analysis of Telephone Contact Data* at the American Burn Association 48th Annual Meeting held on May 3-6, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV. The presentation described key outcomes following implementation of best practices aimed at improving subject retention. This poster received best in the Quality Improvement category and was awarded first place overall of the 340 posters submitted and presented.

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Upcoming Events

- **July 13-14, 2016**  
  2016 TBI Summit
- **July 25-28, 2016**  
  2016 National Council on Independent Living Conference
- **Aug 28- Sept 1, 2016**  
  International Society for Burn Injuries 18th Congress
- **Sept 4-7, 2016**  
  2016 Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCI/P) Conference
- **Oct 19-22, 2016**  
  Phoenix World Burn Congress
- **Oct 30- Nov 4, 2016**  
  93rd Annual American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Conference