Model System Researchers Present at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) Meeting

A host of SCI and TBI model systems researchers participated in the 2012 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) in Vancouver, Canada from October 9-13, 2012. Susan Harkema, PhD, of the Kentucky Regional Model Spinal Cord Injury System received the John Stanley Coulter Lecturer Award for her professional achievement and contributions to the advancement of the field of rehabilitation. Marcel Dijkers, PhD, FACRM, of the New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System received the 2012 Gold Key Award, the highest honor given by the ACRM, for his extraordinary service to the cause of rehabilitation. Additionally, numerous model systems researchers presented papers and delivered lectures to advance the field of Rehabilitation Medicine. A list of model systems researchers that participated in the conference is available on the MSKTC blog, and additional information about presentations can be found in the conference program.

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Model System Launches a New Web Site

The New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (NERSCIC) recently launched its new Web site, which incorporates the SCI care, research, education, and community activities of the NERSCIC network sites, including Boston University Medical Campus, Gaylord Hospital, and the Hospital for Special Care. A library of recorded webcasts is also available on the new site.

Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System Features a New SCI Forum

The Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NRSCIS) has a new SCI forum presentation, Pressure Ulcers Can Wreck Your Life! Preventing and Managing Skin Problems After SCI, which describes ways that individuals with SCI can prevent and manage pressure ulcers. The video and written report can be found on the NRSCIS Web site.

Model Systems Researcher to Present Stephen M. Haley Lecture

Alan M. Jette, Ph.D., principal investigator from NERSCIC, was selected to present the inaugural Stephen M. Haley Memorial Lecture during the Howard H. Steel Conference on Pediatric Spinal Cord Injuries & Dysfunction. Dr. Jette’s lecture, entitled Advances in Functional Outcome Assessment, will occur on November 30, 2012. The Stephen M. Haley Memorial Lecture is awarded to an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of rehabilitation research.

SCI Model Systems Jointly Present a Webcast Series

The New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center and Spaulding-Harvard Spinal Cord Injury Model System will jointly present Staying Well After SCI: What You Can Do and How We Can Help as part of the Knowledge in Motion webcast series. The webcast will begin on November 29th at 6:30 p.m. EST. It will discuss the community-based Patient-Centered Medical
Home Model of providing primary care to people living with SCI, and efforts to expand models to coordinate care statewide and nationwide. Online registration is available.

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

Model Systems Researcher Interviewed about Athlete’s Concussions

Nancy Chiaravalloti, Ph.D., director of the Northern New Jersey Model Traumatic Brain Injury System, was interviewed about the effects of concussions and second impact syndrome on football players. Featured on Washington DC's WTOP radio, Chiaravalloti spoke about Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III's return to play. She also spoke on Michiana's WSBT radio, where she discussed the risk of further injury for Notre Dame players who had been treated for concussions.

TBI Model Systems Were Featured in Last Month’s Issue of Brain Injury

The Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) is pleased to announce that the work of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research-funded TBI Model Systems was the focus of the October issue of Brain Injury. The special issue featured six original research articles from the Model Systems. Abstracts are available free of charge.

TBI Model System Presents a Series of Interviews

Researchers from the Virginia Commonwealth Traumatic Brain Injury Model System recently completed a series of interviews with National Public Radio (NPR) relating to relationships after TBI. Audio of the interview is available as a podcast on the With Good Reason programming Web site.

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

MSKTC Is Recruiting Consumers With Burn Injury for Fact Sheet Testing

Gretchen J. Carrougher of the Northwest Regional Burn Model System and the MSKTC are collaborating on a new fact sheet entitled Itchy Skin After Burn Injury. The MSKTC is recruiting individuals with burn injury and their family members to test the fact sheet. Please e-mail msktc@air.org for additional information.

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