October 2012 MSKTC Headlines

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

Spinal Cord Injury Model System launches a new website

The MSKTC is pleased to announce that the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Spinal Cord Injury Model System has launched its new website. The new website contains educational materials such as a video series and info sheets as well as information on the research activities and links to outside information. View the new site here.

DeVivo Mentored Research Award Recipient

The MSKTC congratulates this year’s DeVivo research award recipient Hwasoon Kim, M.S. (mentor: Garry Cutter, PhD), UAB Department of Biostatistics, Birmingham, AL, for the project titled “Modeling to Predict Loss to Follow-up in the Spinal Cord Injury Model System Database.” The DeVivo Mentored Research Award is sponsored and administered by the NIDRR-funded National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC) as a one-year $3,000 research award for trainees interested in conducting a research project using data from the Spinal Cord Injury Model System (SCIMS) database.

Model Systems Researcher and Colleagues Win Online Charitable Giving Contest

Dr. David Rosenblum, co-principal investigator of the New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center (NERSCIC) Network Model System, along with colleagues at Gaylord Specialty Healthcare, one of three facilities in the NERSCIC Network, emerged the victor in an online charitable giving contest to purchase a bionic exoskeleton system from Ekso Bionics. The cutting-edge system is designed to help people with paraplegia stand and walk. Dr. Rosenblum and colleagues expect to be using the Ekso bionic system with patients by early 2013, after staff education and training have occurred.

Model Systems Researcher Elected to Institute of Medicine

The MSKTC congratulates Dr. Michael L. Boninger, the director at the University of Pittsburgh Spinal Cord Injury Model System on his election as a new member to the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The IOM is a one of the highest honors, which recognizes individuals that have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement as well as contributed significantly to the field of health and medicine.

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

New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System Features Consumer Video

The New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System posted a ten minute video titled “Do I Have a Brain Injury?” The video is available on YouTube as well as the model system’s website. The video contains information for those who may be worried and aren’t sure if they have experienced a brain injury. Read more about the video here.
2012 Newly Funded Traumatic Brain Injury Systems Announced

At the start of a new fiscal year, NIDRR awarded grants to 16 Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems, all of which have made significant contributions to the field of traumatic brain injury. The 16 newly funded Model Systems include: The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, Mayo Clinic, University of Washington, Kessler Foundation Inc., Virginia Commonwealth University, Craig Hospital, Indiana University (Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana), MossRehab (Einstein Healthcare Network), Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, The Ohio State University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Baylor Research Institute, University of Miami and New York University School of Medicine. The MSKTC congratulates these Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems as well as everyone working to advance the field of traumatic brain injury.

Model Systems Researcher Interviewed by Local News Station

Nancy Chiaravalloti, PhD, the director of Northern New Jersey Traumatic Brain Injury Model System participated in an interview by local news stations News 12 and WMBC. The interview focused on new research in traumatic brain injury as well as resources and consumer supports that can help TBI survivors.

== Burn ==

2012 Newly Funded Burn Injury Systems Announced

At the start of a new fiscal year, NIDRR awarded grants to four Burn Injury Model Systems, all of which have made significant contributions to the field of burn injury. The newly funded Burn Model Systems include: Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System, Pediatric Burn Injury Rehabilitation Model System, North Texas Burn Rehabilitation Model System, and Northwest Regional Burn Model System. The MSKTC congratulates Burn Model Systems as well as everyone working to advance the field of burn injury.

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