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Headlines from the MSKTC

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Spinal Cord Injury, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Burn Injury

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The MSKTC provides:

Consumer Information that offers guidance on treatment, social issues, and daily living after SCI, TBI, and burn injuries.

Systematic Reviews that compile, evaluate, and summarize published research evidence related to a specific medical or health topic.

Databases of research articles posted by the SCI, TBI, and Burn Model Systems.

Upcoming Conferences:

September 30-October 3, 2018
[ACRM Annual Conference](#)

November 5, 7, and 9, 2018
[2018 Online KT Conference](#)

Model Systems Researchers to Present at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) Annual Conference

A host of Model Systems researchers will present at the [American Congress of Rehabilitation's \(ACRM\)](#) annual conference, which will be held September 30-October 3 in Dallas, TX. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Model Systems Researcher Receives American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) Awards

Stephanie Kolakowsky-Hayner, Ph.D., CBIST, FACRM, co-investigator at the [Mount Sinai Hospital SCI Model System](#) and the [New York TBI Model System](#), is serving as co-chair for the ACRM's 95th Annual Conference. In addition, she received the 2018 ACRM Distinguished Member Award, honoring an ACRM member who significantly contributed to the development and functioning of ACRM, and will also be honored with the 2018 ACRM Early Career Outstanding Mentoring Award as part of the Early Career Development Course.

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month

Congress has designated September as National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month! Help raise awareness of resources that support individuals living with SCI by sharing factsheets, videos, and other products made available through the MSKTC. Access these resources [here](#).

SCI Model System Researchers Present at Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP) Conference and Expo

A host of Model System researchers presented at the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP) Conference and Expo, which was held September 2-5 in New Orleans, LA. Click [here](#) to learn more.

SCI Model System Researcher Receives Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP) Excellence Award

Trevor Dyson-Hudson, M.D., co-principal investigator of the [Northern New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury System Center \(NNJSCIS\)](#), received the [Excellence Award](#) from the [American Paraplegia Society and the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals \(ASCIP\)](#) at ASCIP's annual conference held September 2-5 in New Orleans, LA. This award recognizes nationally prominent professionals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in SCI health care, including service delivery, research, education, prevention, or administration.

SCI Model System Researchers Awarded "Best Original Research Paper Award"

Michael J. DeVivo, Ph.D., director emeritus of the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center, co-authored the paper "[Causes of death after traumatic spinal cord injury – a 70-year British study](#)," which was awarded "Best Original Research Paper Award" for papers published in 2017 by *Spinal Cord*. Dr. DeVivo provided consultation and statistical analysis of data from the Stoke Mandeville/Southport long-term survival database in Great Britain, using protocols developed by the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center. Susie Charlifue, Ph.D., project director of the [Rocky Mountain Regional Spinal Injury System \(RMRSIS\)](#), also co-authored this paper.

SCI Model System Researchers Present at the 57th International Spinal Cord Society Annual Scientific Meeting (ISCoS)

A group of SCI Model System Researchers presented at the 57th International Spinal Cord Society Annual Scientific Meeting (ISCoS) held September 13-15 in Sydney, Australia. Click [here](#) for the list of Model System researchers who have submitted conference presentations to the MSKTC. The meeting program can be found [here](#).

SCI Model System to Exhibit at the Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month Exposition Fair

[The South Florida SCI Model System Center](#) will exhibit resources at the Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month Exposition Fair, held on September 26 from 12-2 pm at the Jackson Rehabilitation Hospital in Miami, FL. The fair is held annually to bring together agencies that serve as community resources and provide services for those with spinal cord injuries in the South Florida area.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

TBI Model System Researcher Co-Presents an Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) Course

Stephanie A. Kolakowsky-Hayner, Ph.D., CBIST, FACRM, co-investigator at the [New York TBI Model System](#) and [Mount Sinai Hospital SCI Model System](#), and Associate Professor of Rehabilitation and Human Performance at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, co-presented an Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) course. This two-day event was designed for direct-care paraprofessionals at all levels and experienced professionals who want a strong foundation in best practices for brain injury rehabilitation. Additional information about the course can be found [here](#).

TBI Model System Researchers Publish in *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*

Laura E. Dreer, Ph.D., co-investigator at the [UAB Traumatic Brain Injury Model System](#), led a group of TBI Model System researchers to publish the article, "Obesity and Overweight Problems Among Individuals 1 to 25 Years Following Acute Rehabilitation for Traumatic Brain Injury: A NIDILRR Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Study" in *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*. Click [here](#) to access the article.

TBI Model System Publishes September Issue of "TBI Updates"

[The University of Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Model System \(UWSCIMS\)](#) published the September 2018 issue of "TBI Updates," which includes an interview with a 20-year TBI survivor and an article about factors associated with long term recovery. Learn more [here](#).

Burn Injury (BURN)

Burn Model System Center Researchers Publish Article in *Journal of Burn Care & Research*

Researchers from the [Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System](#) recently published the manuscript, "The Development and Validity of the Adult Burn Outcome Questionnaire Short Form" in the *Journal of Burn Care & Research*. This article outlines the process used to develop a new burn specific outcome measure for adults, the Adult Burn Outcome Questionnaire (ABOQ), the clinical validity of the tool, and determines whether the ABOQ provides additional information when compared to the PROMIS-10. View the abstract [here](#).

MSKTC Recruiting for Information Study in Burn

The MSKTC is conducting a study involving interviews with individuals with a burn injury, along with their caregivers and nurses. Interviews will help the MSKTC understand health information needs and research study engagement among participants. Click [here](#) for more information about the study and eligibility criteria.

Resource Highlight: "Employment after Burn Injury"

Do you know someone who sustained a burn injury? Refer them to our "Employment after Burn Injury" factsheet. It offers important details about returning to work after a burn injury. This resource is also designed to support family members and friends of burn survivors. Access the factsheet [here](#).

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