Headlines from the MSKTC
Connecting consumers to research-based information in Spinal Cord Injury, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Burn Injury

MSKTC to Exhibit at 2018 National Council on Independent Living Conference
The MSKTC is excited to exhibit at the 2018 Annual National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) Conference in Washington, DC on July 23-26. Visit our booth to learn about free resources developed in collaboration with SCI, TBI and Burn Model System researchers. For more information about the conference click here.

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

SCI Model System Researcher Presents at Grand Rounds Seminar
Michael L. Boninger, MD of the University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury presented “The Hype and Hope of Assistive Technology” at the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC on May 4. Dr. Bonninger, who served as a visiting professor at the Carolinas Medical Center, delivered the lecture as part of the Center's Grand Rounds seminar. Click here to learn more.

NSCISC Updates its Online SCI Life Expectancy Calculator
The National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center (NSCISC) has updated its Life Expectancy Calculator, a free online tool that provides an estimate for the life expectancy of a person with SCI who has already survived at least one year and who has not regained all normal feeling and movement. Estimates are based on the actual long-term survival experiences of persons treated at any current or previously funded SCI Model System center or any of the three Shriners Hospital SCI units (Philadelphia, Chicago and Sacramento) with follow-up through January 2018. Click here to learn more.

MSKTC Releases New Factsheet on Wheelchair Maintenance and SCI
The MSKTC recently released the new factsheet, “Maintenance Guide for Users of Manual and Power Wheelchairs.” The factsheet was written by Sara Munera Orozco, MS; Jon Pearlman, PhD; Lynn Worobey, PhD; Michael Boninger, MD and developed in collaboration with the MSKTC. This resource provides an overview of manual and power wheelchairs and explains the importance of performing
maintenance for each. The factsheet may be reproduced and distributed freely with appropriate attribution. It is available on the MSKTC website [here](#).

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**Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**

**TBI Model System Researcher Recognized with Brain Injury Association Award**
Stephanie A. Kolakowsky-Hayner, PhD, CBIST, FACRM, co-director of the New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System at Mount Sinai, received the 2018 Brain Injury Association of California Outstanding Brain Injury Professional Award at the 8th Annual Acquired and Traumatic Brain Injury Conference. The conference was held on June 1 in Los Angeles, CA. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**TBI Researchers Recognized with Mitchell Rosenthal Award**
Kristen Dams-O'Connor, PhD of the New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System led a team of authors from the TBI Model System to develop a paper that was granted the 2017 Mitchell Rosenthal Award. The team was recognized with this honor for their article, "Rehospitalization over 10 years among survivors of TBI: A National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Study," which was published in *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*. The study highlights common conditions that may result in rehospitalization among TBI survivors and identifies patient characteristics that could be associated with risk of rehospitalization over time. The Mitchell Rosenthal Award recognizes the best scientific paper using data from the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems National Data and Statistical Center (TBINDSC). Mitchell Rosenthal played a significant role as a researcher, TBI Model System National Data Base curator, and program administrator in the TBI Model System program. In 2008, the TBI Model System project directors established an award in his honor to keep his legacy alive and inspire new generations of investigators. It is open to any research study using data from the National Database. Click [here](#) to view the abstract.

**TBI Model System Researchers Present at 4th Federal Interagency Conference**
A host of TBI Model System researchers delivered lectures and posters at the 4th Federal Interagency Conference on TBI in Washington, DC earlier this month. This annual conference provides an opportunity to learn about the seminal advances in TBI research and clinical care that have served to advance the field and to change service, practice and policy. The mission of the Federal Interagency Conference on TBI is to showcase TBI research, clinical care, and policy that has been largely funded by various federal agencies. To learn about TBI Model System presentations, click [here](#). Additional information about the meeting can be found [here](#).
Burn Injury (BURN)

Resource Highlight: “Social Interaction after Burn Injury” Factsheet
Burn injury survivors who have had a change in physical appearance may feel anxious about how people will react to them. Access the MSKTC factsheet to learn more about strategies for enhancing social interactions here.

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Sci
TBI
Burn

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