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“EMPLOYMENT AFTER BURN INJURY” VIDEO WINS TELLY AWARD

WASHINGTON, DC— A video depicting a burn survivor’s transition back to work after sustaining a burn injury was awarded a Bronze Telly Award for outstanding achievement in the category of internet/online video--education. “Employment After Burn Injury” was produced by the [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center](#) (MSKTC) in collaboration with the Northwest Regional Burn Model System.

The 11-minute video features Ben Swanson, who shares his experiences about returning to employment after sustaining a burn injury. It also includes guidance from Model Systems researchers on making a successful transition into the workplace.

“Returning to work after burn injury takes planning, open communication, and determination” said Ms. Amy Acton, Executive Director of the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors. “I hope that this video will encourage burn injury survivors to actively engage their doctors, rehabilitation specialists, and employer throughout all phases of the process of returning to work.”

The “Employment After Burn Injury” video is part of a hot topic module that consists of a suite of resources—including videos, factsheets, and slideshows—to support employment among burn injury survivors. The hot topic module is a product of the MSKTC, which is operated by American Institutes for Research (AIR) in collaboration with WETA/BrainLine and George Mason University and funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR).

"I am thrilled that this project has received such significant recognition," said Dr. Steven Garfinkel, AIR Institute Fellow and Co-Principal Investigator of the MSKTC. "Burn injury can be so unexpected, and it's hard to understand what life will be like after. My hope for this video is to offer insight on the process of returning to work, and to let others know that employment can be a real option after burn injury."

The Telly Awards were founded in 1978 to honor film and video productions, groundbreaking web commercials, videos and films, and outstanding local, regional, and cable TV commercials and programs. “Employment After Burn Injury” is the second video produced by the MSKTC to be recognized with a Telly Award. The video, [“Relationships After Traumatic Brain Injury”](#) received a Telly Award in 2013.

To view the award-winning “Employment After Burn Injury” video and companion clips, visit: <http://www.msktc.org/burn/Hot-Topics/Employment/Employment-after-Burn>. To access the

entire hot topic module, including the 11 minute video, companion clips, factsheets, and slideshow, visit <http://www.msktc.org/burn/Hot-Topics/Employment>.

About the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center

The Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) is a national Center that supports the Model Systems programs in meeting the information needs of individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and burn injury by summarizing research, identifying health information needs, and developing and disseminating information resources. The MSKTC is funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). Model Systems are funded by NIDRR to conduct innovative and high-quality research, provide patient care, and offer services to improve the health and overall quality of life of individuals with SCI, TBI, and burn injury. For more information, visit www.MSKTC.org.

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