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NEW ONLINE RESOURCES HELP PEOPLE WITH BURN INJURY RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, DC—Free online resources to help people with burn injury return to employment are now available to the public on the federally-funded Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) website.

The MSKTC [Employment After Burn Injury](#) hot topic module consists of a suite of free resources— including videos, fact sheets and slideshows— that explain issues people with burn injuries may experience when deciding to return to work. One focus of the national Center is to make burn injury research findings meaningful and useful to the public.

“There is a lot to consider when returning to work after a burn injury” said Cindy Cai, Ph.D., co-project director of the MSKTC and Senior Research Analyst at the [American Institutes for Research](#) (AIR). “Our resources are designed to highlight options and opportunities when transitioning back into the work setting.”

The featured video and brief video clips share information about the impact of burn injury on one’s ability to re-enter the workplace. Ben Swanson, a burn injury survivor, is featured in the main video and explains how Burn Model Systems’ researchers helped him return to work after he was injured. The module’s fact sheets and slideshows support strategies for returning to work, addressing issues such as social interaction and body image after burn injury.

“This video illustrates that survivors of major burn injuries can return to a healthy lifestyle that includes work in spite of psychosocial and physical barriers,” said Nicole Gibran, M.D., principal investigator of the Northwest Regional Burn Model System at Harborview Medical Center and Director, UW Medicine Regional Burn Center. “The *Employment After Burn Injury* hot topic module was created to help individuals with burn injury understand that returning to work after burn injury is a realistic goal.”

All resources in the hot topic module are based on Burn Model Systems research. Burn Model Systems are funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) and provide the highest level of comprehensive and multidisciplinary care, including emergency medical, acute medical and post-acute services. In addition to providing direct services, these centers play a pivotal role in building a national capacity for high-quality treatment and research serving persons with Burn, their families, and their communities.

The MSKTC is operated by AIR in collaboration with WETA/BrainLine and George Mason University under a grant from NIDRR.

Visit <http://www.msktc.org/burn/Hot-Topics/Employment> to learn more.

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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