October 2016 MSKTC Headlines

Model Systems Researchers to Present at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine 93rd Annual Conference
A host of Model Systems researchers will present at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) 93rd Annual Conference, held October 30-November 4, 2016 in Chicago, IL. A list of Model Systems researchers who have submitted conference presentations to the MSKTC can be found here. Additional information is available in the conference program here. The MSKTC will also exhibit at the conference. Stop by booth 104 to meet with MSKTC staff and learn more about our work.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month
October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Access MSKTC resources on employment and disability, including the factsheets, "Employment after Burn Injury" here and "Employment after SCI" here.

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

Model System Researcher Receives Award for Distinguished Clinical Service
Diana D. Cardenas M.D., M.H.A., co-director of the South Florida SCI Model System (SFSCIMS), was honored to receive the Estin Comarr Award for Distinguished Clinical Service from the American Paraplegia Society, a section of the Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals. This award recognizes her clinical contributions to improving the lives of people with SCI.

SCI Model System Researcher Selected to Speak at White House Frontiers Conference
Michael Boninger, M.D., project director of the University of Pittsburgh Model Center on Spinal Cord Injury (UPMC-SCI), was one of a very select group of national speakers chosen to present at the White House Frontiers Conference. Learn more about the conference here. A study participant in Dr. Boninger's research, Nathan Copeland, attended the conference and met President Obama. The participant is able to feel his fingers with the help of a robotic chip. Learn more here.

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Model System Center Holds Monthly “Walk and Roll with Walk with a Doc” Event
Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation - Dallas, home of the North Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Model System (NTTBIMS), is now the 200th chapter of Walk with a Doc, and the first inclusive chapter targeting individuals with mobility impairments. The chapter holds monthly “Walk and
Roll with Walk with a Doc,” a unique inclusive event at Baylor Tom Landry Fitness Center led by physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians from Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation - Dallas. Each month, individuals from the community, including current and former patients from the NTTBIMS are invited to join physicians for a walk (or roll). During the walks, physicians provide support and answer health-related questions from participants. Learn more here.

**TBI Model System Researcher Elected President of the Society of Clinical Neuropsychology**
Doug Johnson-Greene, Ph.D., MPH, ABPP, project director of the South Florida TBI Model System (SF-TBIMS), has been elected president of the Society of Clinical Neuropsychology (SCN), Division 40 of the American Psychological Association. SCN provides a scientific and professional forum for individuals interested in the study of the relationships between the brain and human behavior and their clinical applications. SCN is the largest organization in North America representing the specialty of clinical neuropsychology and currently has more than 3,000 members nationwide. Learn more here.

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**Model System Researchers Publish Letter to Editor in New England Journal of Medicine**
Researchers from the Northwest Regional Burn Model System (NWRBMS) published a letter to the editor in the October issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. The letter is entitled, “Explosion Injuries from E-Cigarettes.” Access the letter to the editor here. The MSKTC has developed a consumer version, which can be accessed here.

**Burn Model System Centers Hold Annual Charity Walk**
The Burn Survivors of New England, in collaboration with the Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System (BHBIMS), held their annual charity walk on September 10, 2016 to raise money for scholarships to the Phoenix Society World Burn Congress. The event took place at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Money raised at the event sponsored 45 burn survivors to attend the World Burn Congress, held October 19-22, 2016.

**Upcoming Events**

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