

July 2012 MSKTC Headlines

=====Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)=====

New Powered Wheelchair Mobility Forum Available

[Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System](#) recently released an addition to its [highly regarded series](#) of SCI Forum videos with [Powered Wheeled Mobility](#). Dave Colescott, who is a physical therapist at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA, takes viewers through practical tips and guidelines for learning powered wheelchair skills including positioning and safely maneuvering in a variety of environments. [Feedback on these videos is welcome](#). A [written report](#) is also available.

DeVivo Mentored Research Award Open for Applications

The DeVivo Mentored Research Award is now open for applications. This award is sponsored and administered by the NIDRR-funded [National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center \(NSCISC\)](#) as a one-year \$3,000 research award for trainees who are interested in conducting a research project using data from the Spinal Cord Injury Model System (SCIMS) Database. Applicants and mentors do not need to be affiliated with a NIDRR project but must show substantial knowledge and understanding of the database. Application deadline is August 17. [Learn more about how to apply](#).

Model Systems Grantees Recognized for Knowledge Translation Work

Allen W. Heinemann, of the [Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Model System](#), and collaborators, Linda S. Ehrlich Jones, Jason H. Raad and Jennifer Moore received an award from the National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers for their work on the [Rehabilitation Measures Database](#). This important resource provides clinicians and researchers with identifying reliable and valid instruments to effectively assess patient outcomes during all phases of rehabilitation. Additional information about this award can be found at <http://www.rehabmeasures.org/rehabweb/rhaboutus.aspx>.

SCI Model System Participant enters Para- Olympic Games

Paul Schulte received care for a spinal cord injury at the University of Michigan when he was 10 years old. Paul has been a participant in the University of Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System since then. He will play in the London Para Olympics as the Captain of the Basketball Team. He has already lead the team to victory several times before and has brought home several medals. We are cheering on Paul and the USA Para Olympics team to have a great time at the games and hopefully bring home another medal for the country. Video link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ-IPuqitlo>

Need Caregivers of Individuals with SCI for a Health Information Study

The [MSKTC](#) is recruiting individuals who serve as primary caregivers to someone who has sustained a spinal cord injury (SCI). The objective of will be to engage in a phone interview to better understand the caregivers' health information needs. Participants will be compensated \$20 for their time. If you or someone is interested, please call Deeza- Mae Smith at 202-403-5127 or email mskte@air.org for more information.

=====Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)=====

MSKTC Featured on the Brainline Website

[MSKTC](#) is pleased to announce the Brainline website now features [TBI Model Systems](#) on a new page. This presence allows for people with traumatic brain injury, families and friends, and the researchers and doctors to become more knowledgeable about Model Systems resources that benefit people Brainline features factsheets developed by the TBI Model Systems and allows visitors to connect to MSKTC through the links on the website.

Factsheet on Sexuality after Traumatic Brain Injury Available for Consumers

Changes in sexual functioning are common after TBI, a factsheet entitled “[Sexuality After Traumatic Brain Injury](#),” is available from the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center. The factsheets discuss what changes can possibly happen in sexual functioning, what can be done to improve sexual functioning and the importance of safe sex after a TBI.

=====Burn=====

Burn Model Systems Factsheet Offers Insight on Employment after Burn Injury

Major burn injuries can affect one’s livelihood and willingness to return to work but is an extremely important phase of recovery. Learn more about work conditioning programs, vocational rehabilitation, and workplace changes to help transition easier with the factsheet, *Employment after Burn Injury*.

Click here to view [Employment after Burn Injury \(PDF\)](#).

Click here for more information about [Burn Model Systems](#).

Need Caregivers of Individuals with Burn Injury for a Health Information Study

The [MSKTC](#) is recruiting individuals who serve as primary caregivers to someone who has sustained a burn injury. The objective of will be to engage in a phone interview to better understand the caregivers’ health information needs. Participants will be compensated \$20 for their time. If you or someone is interested, please call Deeza- Mae Smith at 202-403-5127 or email mstk@air.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sept 10–13	23rd Annual State of the States in Head Injury Meeting
Sept 12–15	Phoenix Society’s 2012 World Burn Congress
October 9–13	American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine