**June 2016 MSKTC Headlines**

**MSKTC Hosts Virtual Round Table Discussion with New Zealand-Based Burwood Academy of Independent Living**
On June 15, 2016, staff from the MSKTC held a virtual roundtable with Dr. Jo Nunnerly, KT specialist at Burwood Academy of Independent Living (BAIL) in Christchurch, New Zealand. Discussion topics included the organization of the MSKTC along with our research activities, product development, dissemination strategies, and support for Model Systems researchers. Participating MSKTC staff included Drs. Lynn Gerber, Cindy Cai, Cynthia Overton, Ms. Dahlia Shaewitz, and Ms. Deez-Mae Smith.

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

**SCI Model System Center Posts New Resource**
The Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System (NWRSCIS) posted Caregivers: Perspectives from Those Providing Care, the latest video in the SCI Forum video series. This video offers a frank discussion about personal caregiving from a panel of family members and hired caregivers who provide personal care to individuals with cervical SCI. Access the video here. This video complements the video Managing Personal Caregivers, which addresses this topic from the perspective of individuals with SCI who hire and manage their own personal caregivers.

**SCI Model System Center Hosts Its 39th Annual Interdisciplinary Spinal Cord Injury Course**
The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, home of the Midwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury Care System (MRSCICS), and its Academy, held the 39th Annual Interdisciplinary Spinal Cord Injury Course on June 2-4, 2016. The 3-day course aimed to update SCI treatment and interventions by examining current research, technology, and practice. David Chen, MD, principal investigator of MRSCICS, served as co-chairman of the course. Research team members Jessica Presperin Pedersen MBA, OTR/L, ATP/SMS and Patrick Hennessy, MPT, NCS, as well as MRSCICS Advisory Board Member Diane Rowles MS, ACNP, BC, CRRN acted as faculty. Access the course brochure for more information here.

**MSKTC Releases New Factsheet: Adjusting to Life After Spinal Cord Injury**
The MSKTC released the new factsheet, Adjusting to Life After Spinal Cord Injury, written by Phil Klebine, M.A., Charles Bombardier, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Richardson, Ph.D. The factsheet provides information about life after SCI, and contains strategies and resources that can help one adjust to SCI. The factsheet may be reproduced and distributed freely with appropriate attribution. It is available on the MSKTC website in both English and Spanish, and can be accessed here.

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

**Model System Center Researcher Recognized with Mitchell Rosenthal Award**
Kristen Dams-O'Connor, Ph.D., researcher of the New York Traumatic Brain Injury Model System, accepted the Mitchell Rosenthal Award at the June, 2016 TBI Model Systems project directors meeting. Dr. Dams-O'Connor is the lead author of “Global Outcome Trajectories After
TBI Among Survivors and Nonsurvivors: A National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Study,” published in the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation. This study compared long-term functional outcome trajectories of individuals with TBI who survive with those who expire more than 5 years post injury, using individual growth curve analysis. The Mitchell Rosenthal Award recognizes the best scientific paper using data from the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems National Data and Statistical Center (TBINDSC). Access the abstract here.

TBI Model System Center Researchers Collaborate on Articles Published in Archives of Physical Medicine and Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation
Researchers from the Rocky Mountain Regional Brain Injury System (RMRBIS) co-authored three articles that were recently published. “Resilience Following Traumatic Brain Injury: A Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Study” was published in Archives of Physical Medicine. The article examines resilience at three months after TBI. Access the abstract here. “Variations in Inpatient Rehabilitation Functional Outcomes Across Centers in the Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems (TBIMS) Study and the Influence of Demographics and Injury Severity on Patient Outcomes” was also published in Archives of Physical Medicine. The study compares patient functional outcomes across TBIMS rehabilitation centers using an enhanced statistical model to determine factors that influence those outcomes. Access the abstract here. “Trajectories of Life Satisfaction Over the First 10 Years After Traumatic Brain Injury: Race, Gender, and Functional Ability” was published in Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation. This article investigates the influence of race, gender, functional ability, and an array of preinjury, injury-related, and sociodemographic variables on life satisfaction trajectories over 10 years following moderate to severe TBI. Access the abstract here.

======Burn=====

Burn Model System Center Work Published in JAMA Pediatrics and Burns
Researchers from the Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System authored two manuscripts that were recently published. “Recovery Curves for Pediatric Burn Survivors: Advances in Patient-Oriented Outcomes” was published in JAMA Pediatrics. This study examines recovery patterns in multiple functional domains among young pediatric burn survivors. Access the abstract here. “Satisfaction With Life After Burn: A Burn Model System National Database Study” was published in Burns. This study uses the Burn Model System National Database to examine satisfaction with life after burn over a two year period after injury. Access the abstract here.

Upcoming Events
July 13-14, 2016 2016 TBI Summit
Aug 28- Sept 1, 2016 International Society for Burn Injuries 18th Congress
Sept 4-7, 2016 2016 Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP) Conference
Oct 19-22, 2016 Phoenix World Burn Congress
Oct 30- Nov 4, 2016  93rd Annual American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Conference