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## Burn Model System Newsletter

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### What is Knowledge Translation?

Knowledge translation (KT) is the process by which new knowledge is translated into information that benefits society, through changed policies, behaviors, programs and practices. KT is more than the simple dissemination of

knowledge; it is the application of knowledge to solve societal problems. In the health care arena, KT refers to the process of translating new research findings into improvements in treatment, patient care, health services

delivery, and health care policy and programs.

As part of our NIDRR research, we work closely with the UW Knowledge Translation Model Systems Translation Center. Visit their website at [http://msktc.washington.edu/kt\\_overview.htm](http://msktc.washington.edu/kt_overview.htm).

### Burn Injury Information Group

The burn injury informational support group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1-2:00pm in room 8EH-50 at Harborview Medical Center. This

group is open to all burn survivors and their families. Upcoming meetings are September 17, October 15, November 19, 2008. It is sponsored by the Northwest Burn

Foundation and it is at no charge. You can also participate by phone; contact Dr. Askay and she will provide all necessary information (no long distance charge will apply).

### Model System Knowledge Translation Center

As part of National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) funding, the University of Washington has formed the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC). Dr. Kurt Johnson leads a team of individuals who work to summarize research, identify health information needs and develop systems for sharing information for the NIDRR model systems programs in traumatic brain, spinal cord, and burn injury.

To learn more about the MSKTC, visit their website at <http://msktc.washington.edu/burn/index.html>. At this site, you will find information concerning 1) the 4 Burn Injury

Model Systems, 2) a resource list of major burn injury organizations, and 3) a database of research publications. This searchable database contains the peer-reviewed publications produced by the Burn Model System (BMS) institutions.

Over the next 4 years, the MSKTC will be working with the BMS to develop information for consumers and clinicians. Staff at the MSKTC are very interested in which topics are most important to burn injury survivors. Please read the "Research Update" section in this newsletter about an opportunity to let the MSKTC staff know what is important to you.

### Research Update

The Model System Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) at the University of Washington has developed a survey to learn about the information needs of individuals with burn injuries. If you choose to participate, go to <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/webq/survey/pabrown/57176>. Survey questions ask about your information needs and preferences, and will take about 15 minutes to complete. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will not be linked to your name or any identifiable contact information. While you may not directly benefit from this study, the information collected in this study will serve to improve the communication of relevant and quality information to individuals with burn injuries.

If you have questions, call MSKTC at 206.685.4181.

Thank you.

### Did You Know?

Over 45, 000 people are hospitalized every year in the United States for treatment of burn injuries.

### Visit our website at

<https://depts.washington.edu/uwnidrr/> for more information.

To reach the UW/HMC Burn Center Clinic, call 206-744-5735.