

Introduction:

The conference for 2007 has a combined focus on spinal cord injury rehabilitation and recovery and assistive technology applications that enhance resumption of a productive life after spinal cord injury. The target audience includes occupational and physical therapists, rehabilitation counselors, rehabilitation engineers and case managers and educators. In addition to break-out sessions covering specific AT applications, and education sessions will address medical management early after injury and throughout life and acceptance and functional issues and complications. The audience will hear from a panel of people with SCI who have thrived post-injury.

Continuing Education Credit:

Occupational Therapists: This activity is approved for 11 clinical contact hours for the 2006-2008 (May-April) licensure period for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants by the Professional Licensure Branch of the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Physical Therapists: This activity is approved for 11 clinical contact hours of continuing education for physical therapists and physical therapy assistants for the July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 licensure period by the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy.



General Conference Objectives:

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Discuss medical management strategies for spinal cord injured patients early after injury and throughout life.
- Describe acceptance and functional life span issues and complications.
- Describe AT applications that may be used to promote greater independence and life satisfaction.
- Articulate keys to successful recovery and reintegration by hearing from a panel of people with SCI who have thrived post-injury.

Educators: An application will be submitted to the Mississippi State University Division of Continuing Education for 1.1 CEU.

Case Managers: This conference is approved by the Commission on Case Manager Certification for 11.0 clock hours of continuing education for the 2007 calendar year.

Rehabilitation Counselors: This conference is approved by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification for 11.0 clock hours of continuing education for the 2007 calendar year.

Nurses: This activity is approved for 11 contact hours of continuing education credit by Methodist Rehabilitation Center, which is an approved provider of continuing nursing education activity by the Mississippi Nurses Foundation, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation.

AT Specialists: An application for co-sponsorship has been submitted to RESNA.



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Course Location:
GRAND CASINO & RESORT, TUNICA, MS
www.grandcasino.com

Tuition:
\$200 (tuition includes course materials, breaks and lunch). Make checks payable to Methodist Rehabilitation Center.



Refund/Cancellation Policy:

Registration is considered complete upon receipt of tuition. Full refunds will be granted up to 10/17/07. After 10/18/07, no refund will be granted; however, a qualified substitute participant will be accepted.

MRC reserves the right to cancel a program or make modifications to the advertised agenda as long as these do not substantially alter the program.

MRC will grant a full refund to all fully registered individuals within two weeks of making the determination that a refund is applicable.

Lodging:

A block of rooms is being held at the Grand Casino and Resort, Tunica until 10/1/07. Call 800-946-4946 – and ask for Central Reservations; tell the reservationist you need to make your individual reservation for the Methodist Rehab group – Group Code S10METH – Veranda Hotel.

Who Should Attend:

- Physical Therapists & Assistants
- Occupational Therapists & Assistants
- Nurses
- Special Education Teachers
- Rehabilitation Counselors
- Assistive Technology Specialists
- Case Managers

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Planning Committee:

Marcia King, Methodist Rehabilitation Center
Allison Fracchia, Methodist Rehabilitation Center
Kris Geroux, MDRS, AT Division
Janie Cirlot-New, T. K. Martin Center

Agenda:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007

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| 7:45 - 8:45 | Registration |
| 8:50 - 9:00 | Program Introduction and Review of Objectives |
| 9:00 - 9:30 | Spinal Cord Injury – Medical Management from the ED through Inpatient Rehab
Samuel Grissom, MD |
| 9:30 - 11:30 | Innovations in Power Wheelchairs
Invacare Education Team – Rodney Mills, ATP |
| 11:30 - 12:15 | Pushing Forward When Things Change
Randy Snow (www.randysnow.com) |
| 12:15 - 1:30
Lunch included | Q Logic, A System for Everyone
Pride Education Team – Ralph Appoldt |
| 1:30 - 3:30 | Break-Out Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer Access and Applications
Jill Ethridge, OTR/L• Home, job, classroom accommodations
Michael Papp, MS, BME |
| 3:30 - 4:15 | Spinal Cord Injury – How to Stay Healthy Throughout Life
Paula Russum-Hawkins, RN, |
| 4:15 - 4:45 | Current Status of Functional Repair Following SCI – Prospects for Finding a Cure
Dobrivoje Stokic, MD |
| 4:45 - 5:45 | AT – Adding Value to Life
Victory Sports
Ginny Boydston, CTRS |

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2007

- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 - 10:00 Wheelchair Innovations
Sunrise Medical Education Team
Amy Bjornson, BS, MPT, ATP
- 10:00 - 10:30 Psychosocial Influences on the Use of
Assistive Technology
Samuel T. Gontkovsky, Psy.D.
- 10:30- 12:00 Surviving & Thriving - Panel Presentation
A panel of people with SCI tell their stories:
Injury to acceptance & recovery,
What helped & What hindered?
- Moderated by Randy Snow
- 11:45 - 12:00 Evaluation & Adjourn

Post-Conference Event:

RESNA Exam

ATP/ATS/RET exam offered 11/2/02007 2 Pm – 6 PM
For more information or to register, visit www.resna.org

Pre-Conference Event:

The Road to Success: PREPARING FOR THE RESNA EXAMS

A RESNA Credentialing Prep Course
Offered by Pride Mobility Products
10/31/2007 – 1 – 6PM
\$90

This course is designed to give exam candidates comprehensive preparation for the RESNA ATS or ATP examination. The course is intended for individuals familiar with wheelchairs and seating and positioning, and therefore expands upon other areas of interest such as ECU's, Augmentative Communication, Computer Access, Funding Sources and Legislation, and Ergonomics. We also include detailed information about the exam content and question breakdown percentages, as well as critically important standardized test taking skills. This course ends with a practice examination that is administered on a pro-rated timed basis to give attendees a feel for the type of questions they will experience. This practice exam is then reviewed with attendees with full explanation of answers and methodology.

For more information visit <http://www.mmrcrehab.org/newsletter/RESNAPrep2007TunicaMS-43.pdf>

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Registration Form

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Rehabilitation Counselor Case Manager ATP

Please indicate years of experience: 0-3 3-5 5-10 >10

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Ralph Appoldt, Quantum Rehab Regional Manager: Ralph has 18 years of successful experience in rehabilitation technology sales and service, including 12 years of focus on alternative driver controls and assistive technology. Ralph has a thorough knowledge of power wheelchairs and electronics for all major manufacturers and extensive experience in training rehab professionals on application of new technologies.

Amy Bjornson, BS, MPT, ATP is a clinical education specialist with Sunrise Medical, Inc. Amy has over 11 years experience as a physical therapist working with adult and pediatric neurologic populations. She specializes in treating spinal cord injury and evaluating and providing assistive technology for clients with physical challenges. She was the director of the Seating and Mobility Clinic at Boston Medical Center and provided consultation services to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation in the greater Boston area. Amy came to Sunrise Medical in 2000 as an Account Representative and joined the Education Department in 2002. As a Clinical Education Specialist, she provides professional education, training and consultation regarding wheelchair seating and functional mobility.

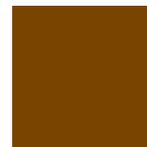
Amy is a dynamic speaker who has lectured extensively on seating and mobility, wound management and the physical therapy treatment of spinal cord injured clients throughout the United States. She has also traveled to several developing countries, learning and sharing information with their medical communities. Amy received her ATP certification in 1995 and is a friend of NRRTS and a member of RESNA.

Ginny Boydston, CTRS serves as the director of therapeutic recreation at Methodist Rehabilitation Center. She completed a MS degree in therapeutic recreation at Memphis State University in 1977. She holds certifications from the National Council of Therapeutic Recreation (NCTRC) and the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI). Since coming to MRC in 1978, she has been instrumental in developing a wide variety of recreational programs for individuals with disability. These include events such as water ski clinics, snow skiing trips and clinics, scuba diving trips and clinics and the development of competitive teams, such as Mississippi's Quad Rugby team.

Jill Ethridge, OTR/L, serves as an occupational therapist at the T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability, where she is the primary provider of computer accessibility services. After completing her degree in occupational therapy at the University of Mississippi School of Health Related Professions in 1994, she served as an O.T. at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus. She has been with the T.K. Martin Center since 1996. In her role with the center, she has participated in the development of multiple special programs and has presented in the area of assistive technology at multiple national conferences.

Samuel Gontkovsky, PsyD is a Scientist at the Center for Neuroscience and Neurological Recovery at Methodist Rehabilitation Center and holds academic appointments in the Department of Neurology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and in the Department of Psychology at Jackson State University. He is a Diplomate of the National Board of Cognitive Behavioral Therapists and Associate Fellow of the Biofeedback Certification Institute of America. Dr. Gontkovsky is active in several state and national professional guild organizations, including serving as the President of the Mississippi Psychological Association in 2006. Dr. Gontkovsky has authored or co-authored more than 50 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and book reviews and over 50 abstracts. He has given numerous presentations at state, national, and international meetings. He serves on the editorial board of SCI Psychosocial Process and as an ad hoc reviewer for multiple professional journals, including Rehabilitation Psychology, Visual Cognition and Clinical Interventions in Aging.

Samuel Grissom, MD completed medical school at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He interned at Carney Hospital in Boston and completed a residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Since completing his training in 1994, he has served in academic and clinical appointments including Emory University in Atlanta, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and is Medical Director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program at Methodist Rehabilitation Center. In addition to clinical and academic responsibilities, Dr. Grissom has served on hospital and medical staff committees, medical societies at a state and national level, conducted medical research, lectured as an invited speaker and published in multiple refereed journals.



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Speakers: *(continued)*

Michel Papp, MS is a Rehabilitation Engineer employed by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services as a Rehabilitation Technology Specialist 2. Prior to coming to Alabama and entering the field of direct services, he did research and development engineering in the field of prosthetics for Mauch Laboratories. He currently provides a wide array of job accommodation services to consumers in central and west Alabama and is working on improving and expanding the ADRS assistive technology program. He also runs an internship program to train engineering students who are interested in assistive technology, and is the chair of the job accommodation special interest group for the Rehab Engineering Society of North America. He also maintains a website on rehab engineering, and periodically publishes research and practice papers on assistive technology services.

Paula Russum-Hawkins, MS, RN completed a BS in nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1986 and a MS in Community/Public Health Nursing at the University of Southern Alabama in 2005. She currently serves at the program director for the geriatric psychiatric inpatient program at Scott Regional Hospital. Prior to accepting this position, she served as a rehabilitation and research nurse at Methodist Rehabilitation Center. In her position at MRC, her research included a focus on spinal cord injury recovery and education needs for a healthy post-hospital discharge life. Russum-Hawkins has made several presentations on the topic of self-care and community reintegration following spinal cord injury.

Randy Snow: The first Paralympian to be inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame, Randy uses his experience as a medalist in three different wheelchair sports to inspire others. He is a firm believer in preparation, focus and teamwork, and willingly shares his gold medal performance secrets with the audience.

Randy has succeeded in the corporate world working with Sunrise Medical, a company with revenues in excess of \$600 million. At Sunrise, he initiated an award-winning customer relations program, directed an international team of athletes and shared accountability for budget management, product development and global branding.

As a small business partner, his medical supply company grew from \$2 to \$4 million in just over two years, underscoring extensive knowledge in sales, inventory, reimbursement and employee relations. Past duties with non-profits highlight programming, marketing and fundraising expertise.

Randy is a speaker with experience. His methods are proven, his perspective pragmatic, his approach, well, it's hysterical. Drawing from his business successes, Olympic competitions and the lessons learned while accepting a spinal cord injury, Randy inspires audiences to embrace change, work together and achieve extraordinary results.

Dobrivoje Stokic, MD, DSc completed medical school and a residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Belgrade School of Medicine, Belgrade, Serbia, where he also earned a doctor of science degree. He came to the United States as a postdoctoral fellow at the Baylor College of Medicine in 1991. After completing his fellowships in 1995, he continued at Baylor as a research associate. He came to Methodist Rehabilitation Center in 1997 and founded the Center for Neuroscience and Neurological Recovery (CNNR) at MRC, a research arm of the hospital. He is now a senior scientist and administrative director for research at CNNR. Dr. Stokic has published widely in refereed journals, mentored doctoral student research and presented nationally and internationally on topics related to neurologic injury and rehabilitation.

