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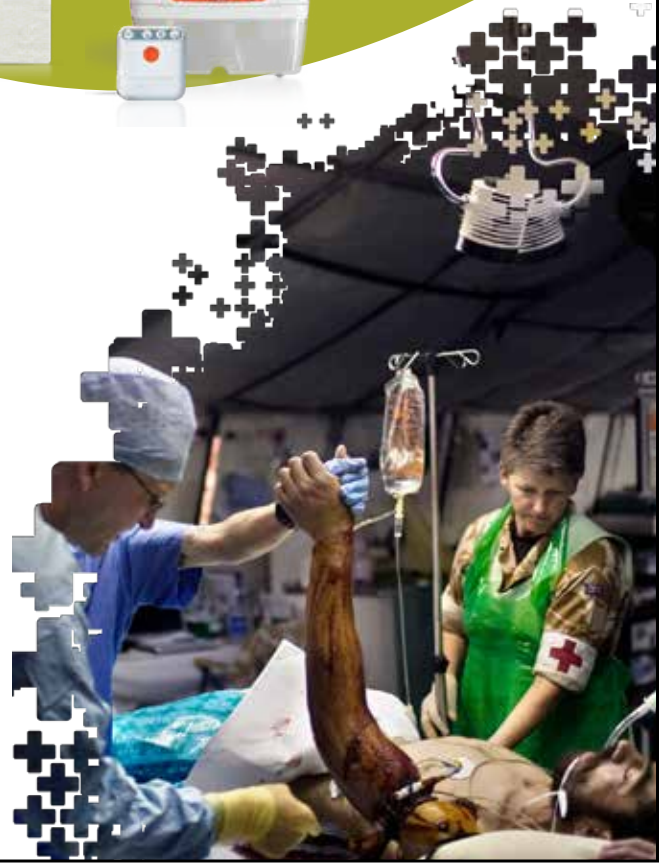
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Dear Summit Attendees:



Welcome to Paralyzed Veterans of America's 11th Healthcare Summit and Expo in Orlando! We are excited to see you and bring you the latest in spinal cord injury and disorder research, science, and technology.

In addition to over 60 breakout sessions and five celebrated speakers, we have many exciting new things planned over the next three days. We have five product theaters (three more than last year), 24 poster presentations, and an opening keynote address by a world-renowned surgeon and researcher who works with biomarkers to predict the severity of spinal cord injury. We also have discussions about the future healthcare workforce (as it relates to MS) and the U.S. National ALS registry – two neurological diseases that PVA has made great strides in over the past year and hopes to have an even greater impact on soon. To help kick off this year's Summit, we secured over 70 exhibitors, who are here to showcase cutting-edge technology and information to help those with SCI/D.

The goal of PVA's Healthcare Summit + Expo is two-fold: it is to bring you the most updated information, state of the art research, and emerging science in the field of SCI/D; and also to expand your knowledge, provide you continuing education credits, create a forum to network, and share best practices. We do this every year to help you better care for our Veterans with SCI/D and diseases, like MS and ALS, living in your communities.

As a proud U.S. Army Veteran, who was paralyzed roughly 30 years ago following a diving accident while on active-duty, I know the impact this Summit and each of you have on my daily life. And as a longtime PVA member-turned leader, who has attended countless PVA Healthcare Summits over the years, I know the wealth of knowledge this event provides long after it is over. I hope each of you walks away more inspired, more energized, and more informed than when you arrived.

In closing, thank you for your support and attendance this year. More importantly, thank you for your commitment to helping Veterans with SCI/D, MS, and ALS, and providing the very best in specialized care – both at the VA and the rehabilitation centers and clinics across the country. A special thank you also to all those who helped make this Summit possible – our PVA staff and Chapters, volunteers, exhibitors, and generous sponsors.

Sincerely,

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Robert Thomas

National President, Paralyzed Veterans of America



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PRESENTED BY:



Mark C. Cascione, MD

Medical Director
South Tampa Multiple Sclerosis Center
Tampa, Florida

August 15, 2023

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM ET

Location: Track 2

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Conference Registration Desk Hours

Monday, August 14 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

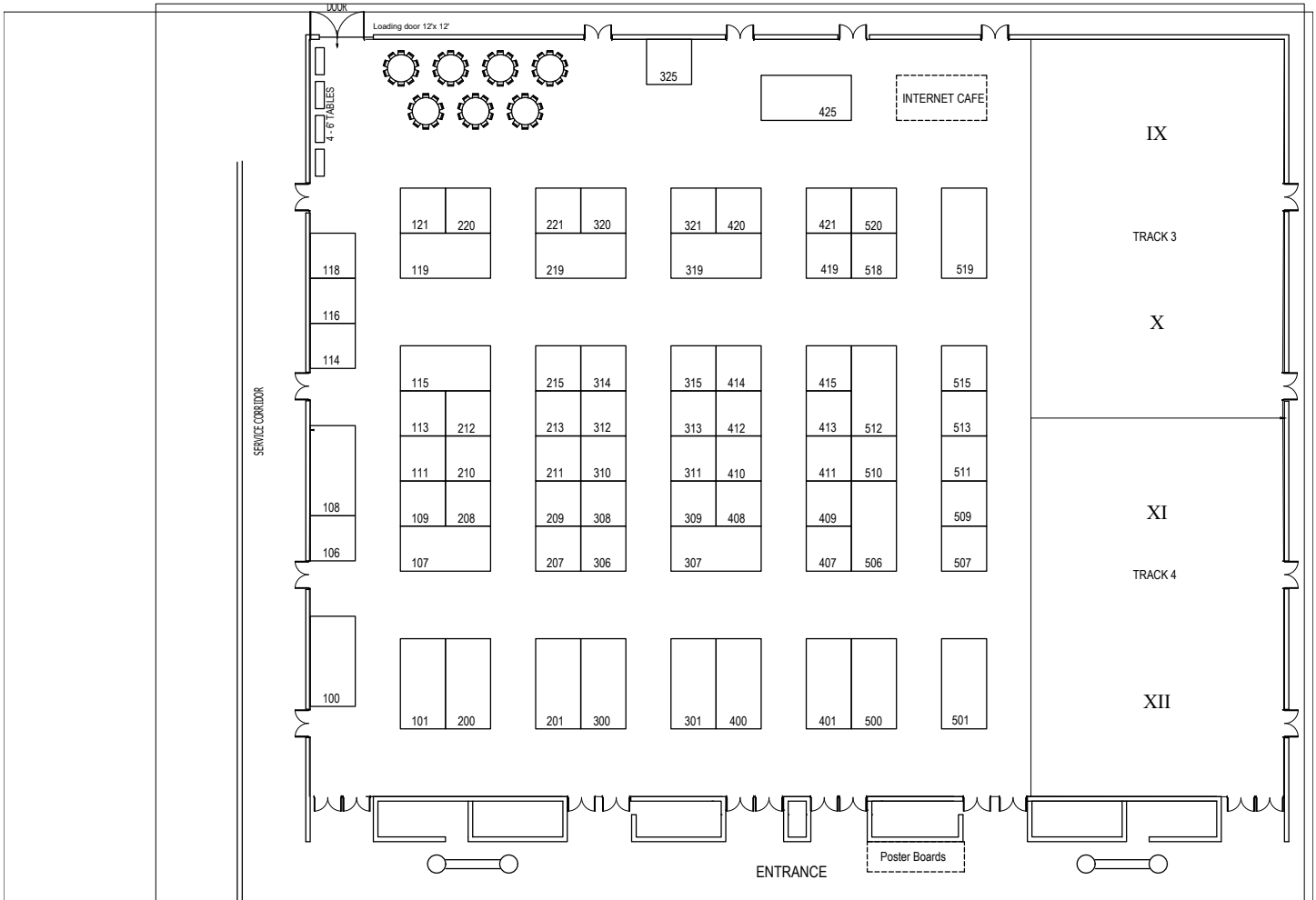
Thursday, August 17 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Sponsors & Exhibitors

Booth #	2023 Summit Exhibitors	Booth #	2023 Summit Exhibitors
301	Smith+Nephew	101	Motion Composites
107	Amylyx	111	National Cemetery Administration
300	Biogen	314	National Multiple Sclerosis Society
501	First Nation Group	518	NATROX® Wound Care
201	Genentech	510	Neurelis
400	Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation	106	NeuroLumen
307	Onward Medical	210	North American Spinal Cord Injury Consortium
200	NMEDA	321	NuStep, LLC
306	3M	311	Obi Robot - Desin LLC
100	Pride Mobility Corp/Quantum Rehab	407	Partners in Medicine
425	Paralyzed Veterans of America	513	Penumbra, Inc.
309	Accessibility Services, Inc.	207	Permobil
500	ANEUVO	312	PIEMed
315	Aurie	219	Pisces Healthcare Solutions
114	Avazzia, Inc.	319	ProBed Medical USA Inc.
116	CaptionCall by Sorenson	507	PRS Medical Technologies
121	Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation	408	Quest Healthcare, A Division of Quest Products, LLC
320	Cionic	414	QuickChange / UI Medical, LLC
113	Cleveland FES Center	221	Raz Design Inc.
308	Coloplast	115	React Health
515	ConvaTec/Cure Medical	412	Rehabtronics, Inc.
213	Ekso Bionics	411	Restorative Therapies
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325	Hayek Medical Devices	410	SpineX, Inc.
220	HERL	511	Synapse Biomedical, Inc.
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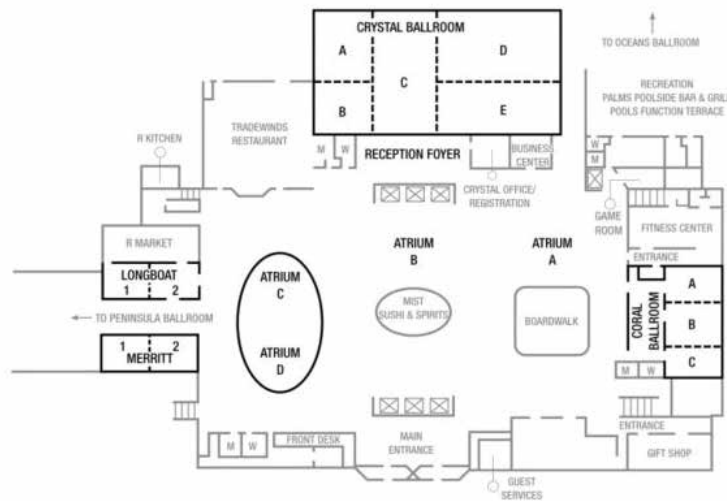


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Expo Schedule*

Monday, August 14, 2023: 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Vehicle Only Check-In
- 12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Exhibitor Only Check-In
- 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Setup
- 5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception (Expo Open)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Coffee Break (Expo Open)
- 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch (Expo Open)
- 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Coffee Break (Expo Open)

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- 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Coffee Break (Expo Open)
- 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Move-Out

**Schedule subject to change*



Paralyzed Veterans of America established the Clinical Excellence Awards in 2013 to recognize clinicians for exceptional professional achievement, contributions and advocacy in Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and/or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) healthcare.

Awards are given in six categories: Medicine, Nursing, Psychology, Nursing Leadership, Social Work, and Therapy. Recipients are nationally recognized in their profession, have demonstrated outstanding leadership, and demonstrate excellence in the care and/or advocacy for care of persons with Spinal Cord Injury/Disorders including MS and ALS.

2023 Clinical Excellence Award winners

Physician/Nurse Practitioner Award

Carol M. Gibson-Gill, MD, MSCS, VHA-CM
Chief, Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Service (128)
Director, VHA Multiple Sclerosis
Center of Excellence NJ Regional Hub
Director, ALS Program
Director, SCI/D,MS and ALS Clinical Research Program
Chair, Medical Records Committee
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Faculty, PM&R Dept, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Therapist Award

Cheryl Colantonio, COTA
Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
James A. Haley VA Medical Center

Nurse Award

Shawn Gallups, MSN, RN
Resident Assessment Coordinator/MDS
Spinal Cord Injury & Disorders Unit
Hampton VA Medical Center

Social Worker Award

Allyson Vanscoy, LCSW
Spinal Cord Injury Coordinator/Manager
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FY2024 GRANT CYCLE OPENS SEPTEMBER 1

Paralyzed Veterans of America Spinal Cord Injury Education Foundation funds projects, conferences and symposia to improve the lives of individuals living with spinal cord injury/disease (SCI/D).

Awards will be made in May 2024 for the grant period of **June 1, 2024–May 31, 2025**. The FY24 awards amounts are:

- Maximum of \$75,000 for project grants
- Maximum of \$20,000 for in-person or hybrid Conference & Symposia grants
- Maximum of \$10,000 for virtual Conference & Symposia grants

FIVE TYPES OF FUNDED PROJECTS

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| ■ Consumer, Caregiver & Community Education | ■ Research Translation |
| ■ Professional Development & Education | ■ Conferences & Symposia |

All applications must be submitted online by **December 1, 2023**.

Apply at: <https://pva.aibs-scores.org>

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TRACK INFORMATION

Track 1
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Track 4
Oceans 11 & 12

Monday, August 14

TIME	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Workshop 1: (PC-231) The Nuts and Bolts: SCI, MS, ALS 101 Speakers: Kevin White, MD; Huned Patwa, MD & Suma Shah, MD	Workshop 2: PC-232) Beyond the Basics – Hands-On Power Wheelchair Setup and Skills Training Speakers: Lynn Worobey, PhD; Rachel Hibbs, DPT, ATP, & Victoria Verrico	Workshop 3: (PC-233) ALS: Start Here - A High-Yield Overview and Hands-on Workshop Speakers: Ileana Howard, MD; Susie Ryan-Coy, LICSW; & Korren Rappisi, RRT BA
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception (Expo Hall)		

Tuesday, August 15

TIME	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Registration - Crystal Registration Desk			
7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast - Crystal Ballroom Foyer			
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks Robert Thomas, National President, Paralyzed Veterans of America Carl Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	PVA Advocacy / Clinical Excellence Awards Angela Weir, RN, CCRN, Director of Medical Services, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Opening Keynote Address Homer Townsend, Jr. Memorial Lecture (2301) Perspectives in Translational Research on the Acutely Injured Spinal Cord Brian K Kwon, MD, PhD, FRCSC			
10:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.	Registration - Crystal Registration Desk			
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break - Oceans Ballroom Foyer & Expo			



Tuesday, August 15 (Continued)

TIME	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>(45 minutes) (2302) Factors Influencing Satiety and Meal Characteristics in Adults with and without Spinal Cord Injury</p> <p>Speaker: Gary Farkas, PhD</p>	<p>(90 minutes) 2304 Becoming an Age-Friendly Health System for SCI Care</p> <p>Speakers: Sunil Sabharwal, MD; Andrea Schwartz, MD, MPH & Maggie Budd, PhD, MPH, HEC-C, ABP</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2305) Building a Successful Regional Program within the VA MS Centers of Excellence</p> <p>Speaker: John Rinker, MD & Carolyn Bevan, MD</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2307) ALS HOPE and ALS CARE: Innovative Virtual Group Exercise Programs in the Veterans Health Administration</p> <p>Speaker: Virginia Kudritzki, DPT, CSRS & Heajun Chun, PTA</p>
	<p>(45 minutes) (2303) Nutrition and Eating Beliefs and Behaviors Among Individuals with SCI/D: Healthy or Misconceived?</p> <p>Speaker: Sherri LaVela, PhD, MPH, MBA</p>		<p>(45 minutes) (2306) Review of Current and Future MS Disease Modifying Drugs</p> <p>Speakers: Heidi Maloni, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, CNRN, MSCN & Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2308) A Field Guide to Exercising with ALS</p> <p>Speakers: Shane Chanpimol, PT, DPT, NCS & Robert Hand, PT, DPT, NCS</p>
	<p>Moderator: Kenneth Lee, MD</p>	<p>Moderator: Jeri Muse, PhD</p>	<p>Moderator: Jodie Haselkorn, MD, MPH</p>	<p>Moderator: Alison Miller, OTR</p>
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch & Expo			
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Product Theater 1: Genentech - Track 2, Crystal DE Un-Silencing “Silent” Progression: Novel Perspectives on Assessing Disability Early in MS Mark C. Cascione, MD, Medical Director, South Tampa Multiple Sclerosis Center, Tampa, Florida</p> <p>Lunch Provided in the Room</p>			
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Product Theater 2: First Nation Group - Track 3, Oceans 9-10 At-Home Spirometry for Respiratory Therapy and Monitoring Mike DiCesare, President, ZEPHYRx Glenn Munroe, Senior Vice President of Business Development, First Nation Group</p> <p>Lunch Provided in the Room</p>			



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Tuesday, August 15 (Continued)

TIME	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<p>(45 minutes) (2309) Understanding Spinal Cord Injury: A Free Resource to Enhance Training of Personal Care Assistants</p> <p>Speaker: Jeanne Zanca, PhD, MPT</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2311) Optimizing the Value of Clinical Pharmacy Specialist on the Spinal Cord Injury Team</p> <p>Speaker: Serena Burgdorf, PharmD & Susan Nelson, RPh, BS, MS</p>	<p>(90 minutes) (2313) Unique Considerations for Clinical Care in MS</p> <p>Speaker: Suma Shah, MD & John Rinker, MD</p>	<p>(90 minutes) (2314) Facilitating Advances in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Care through Evolution of Transdisciplinary Collaboration</p> <p>Speakers: Catherine Wilson, PsyD., ABPP, Elamin Elamin, MD, MSc. & Ashley Lee, MS</p>
	<p>(45 minutes) (2310) "Peer Experiences": A New Model for Evidence-Based SCI Therapy Delivery</p> <p>Speakers: Jacqueline LaBarbera, PT, DPT, NCS & Lesley Fields, OTR/L</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2312) Correlation Between Diet Quality and Body Fat Mass in Spinal Cord Injury</p> <p>Speakers: Alicia Sneij, PhD, MS, RDN</p>		
	<p>Moderator: Steven Mitchell, OTR</p>	<p>Moderator: Jennifer Gaoteote, BSN</p>	<p>Moderator: Heidi Maloni, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, CNRN, MSCN</p>	<p>Moderator: Alison Miller, OTR</p>
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break - Oceans Ballroom Foyer & Expo			
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>(90 minutes) (2315) Step by Step Approach to Management of Erectile Dysfunction and Infertility in Men with SCI</p> <p>Speakers: Emad Ibrahim, MD & Thomas Masterson, MD</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2316) Shoulder Jerk Kinematics During Level Wheelchair Transfers</p> <p>Speakers: Neddie Byron, BS & Ian Rice, PhD, MSOT</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2318) Telemedicine in Providing Care to Veterans with Multiple Sclerosis Utilization and a Novel Nationwide Platform</p> <p>Speakers: Carolyn Bevan, MD & Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2320) Is the Initial Forced Vital Capacity Associated with Psychological Distress in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis?</p> <p>Speakers: Catherine Wilson, PsyD., ABPP & Elamin Elamin, MD., MSc.</p>
		<p>(45 minutes) (2317) Power Wheelchair Skills Training - A Suite of Educational Materials to Leverage in Your Clinical Practice</p> <p>Speakers: Lynn Worobey, PhD & Victoria Verrico</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2319) Fingolimod-associated Rebound with Spine Lesions/Attacks After Discontinuation of Therapy in the Setting of Shingles+</p> <p>Speakers: Michelle Ko, BA & Eric Williamson, MD</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2321) Life is a Breeze when you Help your Patients Breathe: Respiratory care for SCI & ALS</p> <p>Speaker: Korren Rapissi, RRT BA</p>
	<p>Moderator: Bill Lawson</p>	<p>Moderator: Maureen Jennings, DPT</p>	<p>Moderator: Colleen Counsell, MSN</p>	<p>Moderator: Huned Patwa, MD</p>

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Tuesday, August 15 (Continued)

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5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	MSCOE Meeting Track 3, Oceans 9-10	Poster Viewing (Expo Hall) • Refreshments Provided		

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Product Theater: Onward Medical - Track 2, Crystal DE Developing Breakthrough Therapies for People with SCI Dr. Edelle Field-Fote: Director, Spinal Cord Injury Research & The Hulse Spinal Cord Injury Laboratory Shepherd Center, Atlanta, GA Breakfast Provided in the Room			
7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast - Crystal Ballroom Foyer			
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks Cheryl Vines, Director of Research and Education, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Keynote Address: (2322) Characteristics of Resilient Veterans with SCI/D: Implications for Practice Timothy Elliott, PhD, ABPP			
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	John M. Whitaker Memorial Lecture: The Healthcare Workforce for the Future Heidi Maloni, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, CNRN, MSCN			
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration - Crystal Registration Desk			
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break - Oceans Ballroom Foyer & Expo			
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	(45 minutes) (2323) Development of an Inpatient Rehabilitation Outcome Measures (SCI-iROM) Toolkit for Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury Speaker: Maureen Jennings, DPT	(90 minutes) (2325) Inclusive Boundaries: Implementation of Limit-setting with Veterans Experiencing Spinal Cord Injury/ Disorders (SCI/D) and Trauma-related Symptoms Speakers: Samantha Harfenist, PsyD & Danielle Pike, PsyD	(45 minutes) (2326) Multiple Sclerosis and Infections: Screening, Prevention and Monitoring Speakers: Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH & Bryan Smith, MD	(90 minutes) (2328 - 2332) Science-Minded Lightning Talks: Cutting Edge Laboratory Research in SCI, MS, and ALS Speakers: Julio Furlan, MD, LLB, MBA, MSc, PhD, FRCP, FAAN Neil Kamdar, MA Curtis Benson, PhD James Krause, PhD Philip Effraim, MD, PhD
	(45 minutes) (2324) Cognitive Supportive Learning and its Impact on SCI Patient's Learning in the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Setting Speakers: Yumel Amaran-Perez, OTR/L & Stephane Philippe Ratway, MS, CCC-SLP		(45 minutes) (2327) Learning the System: A New Comprehensive VA MS Social Work Assessment within the New EHR Speakers: Kaylee Spangenberg, MSW & Alicia Sloan, MPH, MSW, MPH, MSW, LICSW	
	Moderator: Steven Mitchell, OTR		Moderator: Colleen Counsell, MSN	



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Wednesday, August 16 (Continued)				
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12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch - Oceans Ballroom Foyer & Expo Expo & Poster Viewing			
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Product Theater 1: BIOGEN - Track 3, Oceans 9-10 Overview of Major Depressive Disorder Maylen Perez Diaz, PhD, MSL Neuropsychiatry Mid Atlantic Lunch Provided in the Room			
12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Product Theater 2: Smith+Nephew - Track 2, Crystal DE It's T.I.M.E. to Make a Difference in Your Patient's Health and Healing Journey Brandi Boutwell – Medical Education Manager Kristina Tiskowitz – Medical Education Manager Allison Siler – Medical Education Manager Lunch Provided in the Room			
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	(90 minutes) (2333) Overcoming Discharge Barriers to Safe Community Reintegration for Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury: An Interactive Workshop Speakers: Joyce Williams, LCSW & Shaniqua Gayle, LSW	(45 minutes) (2334) SCI Annual Exam: Getting Them to Your Center Speakers: Kenneth Lee, MD & Scott Griffith, CW2(Ret)	(45 minutes) (2336) MS - Fatigue, Cognition, and Speech-Language Pathology: Knowledge is Power Speaker: Annette Askren, CScD, CCC-SLP & Laura Mellon, CCC-SLP, ATP	(90 minutes) (2338) Trauma's Impact on Rehabilitation Speaker: Jeri Muse, PhD, D.A. A. P.M.
		(45 minutes) (2335) Multifaceted Approach to Understanding, Preparing for, and Responding to Subtropical and Tropical Climate Hazards after SCI Speakers: David McMillan, PhD; Katharine Mach, PhD & Danielle Bass, MPH	(45 minutes) (2337) Current Research Status and Best Practice in the Management of Individuals with Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy Speakers: Julio Furlan, MD, LLB, MBA, MSc, PhD, FRCPC, FAAN	
	Moderator: Bill Lawson	Moderator: Angela Weir, RN, CCRN, RN, CCRN	Moderator: Heidi Maloni, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, CNRN, MSCN	
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break - Oceans Ballroom Foyer & Expo			

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TIME	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(45 minutes) (2339) Self-reported Prescription Opioid and Benzodiazepines Use Among Participants with Spinal Cord Injury Speaker: James Krause, PhD	(45 minutes) (2341) Use of Robotic Sailing Simulator Virtual Reality Navigation for SCI Patients: An Innovative Voyage Speaker: Albert Recio, MD	(45 minutes) (2343) Veterans with MS: How Close Do They Live to VA MS specialty Services? Speaker: Jodie Haselkorn, MD, MPH & Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH	(45 minutes) (2345) Improving Veteran Care via Stakeholder Collaboration: A Case Study Speaker: Shelly Hoover, EdD & Mandi Bailey, BS
	(45 minutes) (2340) Tracheostomy Management in Cervical Spinal Cord Injured Patients and the Role of Diaphragm Pacing Speaker: Raymond Onders, MD	(45 minutes) (2342) Therapists Drive Development of On-Demand Technology for Individualized Seating Behavior Education Speakers: Christine Olney, PhD RN & Amber Wacek, DPT, ATP	(45 minutes) (2344) Multiple Sclerosis and Service-Connection: Identifying Eligible Veterans and Securing Benefits Speakers: Pete Demarkis & Mike Sheets	(45 minutes) (2346) Protecting Direct Care Provider (DCP) Against Career Ending Patient Handling Injuries: Who's Job is it? Speakers: Pauline (Tony) Hilton, DrPH, RN, MSN, FNP, CRRN & Roric Hawkins, MBA, BSN, RN
	Moderator: Huned Patwa, MD	Moderator: Andrew Tan, PhD	Moderator: Angela Weir, RN, CCRN	Moderator: Jennifer Gaoteote, BSN
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Product Theater: AMYLYX - Track 2, Crystal DE Introducing RELYVRIO John Novak, MD, Medical Director, Ohio Health ALS Clinic Refreshments Provided in the Room			
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Poster Viewing (Cocktail Hour)			
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	VA SCI Staff Meeting in Track 1 - Crystal ABC			
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	VA SCI Chiefs Meeting in Track 3 - Oceans 9-10			
End of Day	PVA Healthcare Appreciation FUN Night			

Thursday, August 17

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast - Crystal Ballroom Foyer
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Welcome Remarks Jeri Muse, PhD, D.A. A. P.M, Program Chair
8:45am - 9:15am	Opening Remarks: A Most Sacred Obligation I. Manosha Wickremasinghe, MD
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Keynote Address: (2347) The United States National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Registry Advances Research Domestically and Internationally Paul Mehta, MD
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Registration - Crystal Registration Desk



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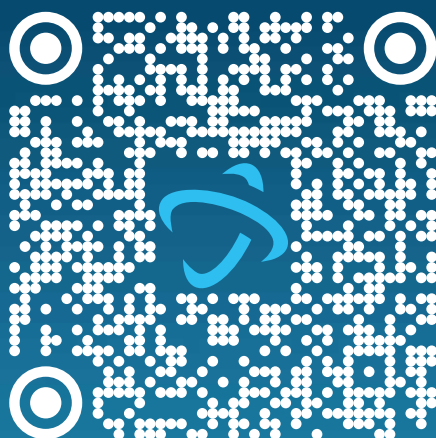
TIME	TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break - Crystal Ballroom Foyer			
10:30 a.m. - 12:00p.m.	<p>(45 minutes) (2348) A Qualitative Study of Urinary Tract Infection Experiences and Perspectives Among Veterans with Neurogenic Bladder</p> <p>Speaker: Pooja Solanki, MPH</p>	<p>(90 minutes) (2350) Collaboration in Best Serving the Veteran SCI/D Population</p> <p>Speaker: Martin Kilbane, PT, DPT, OCS</p>	<p>(90 minutes) (2351) Ethics is Easy Until it Costs You Something, Let's Enhance our "Ethics Mindfulness"!</p> <p>Speaker: Maggi Budd, PhD, MPH, HEC-C, ABPP</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2352) NASCIC SCI Research Advocacy Course</p> <p>Speaker: Barry Munro, LLB & Jennifer French, MBA</p>
	<p>(45 minutes) (2349) Toward Identifying the Role of Disturbed Sleep Phenotypes After Spinal Cord Injury in Chronic Multimorbidity and Cardiometabolic Risk</p> <p>Speakers: Letitia Graves, MSN, PhD & Kath Bogie, D.Phil, FAIMBE</p>			<p>(45 minutes) (2353) EMG/NCS and ALS</p> <p>Speakers: Dominic Ferrey MD</p>
	Moderator: Andrew Tan, PhD	Moderator: Maureen Jennings, DPT	Moderator: Colleen Counsell, MSN	Moderator: Alicia Sloan, MPH, MSW
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Provided in Atrium			
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<p>(45 minutes) (2354) End User Evaluation of the Spinal Cord Injury Physical Activity Guidelines</p> <p>Speaker: Kimberley Monden, PhD</p>	<p>(90 minutes) (2356) Get Out of Your Silo; Interdisciplinary Case Discussion</p> <p>Speaker: Heidi Maloni, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, CNRN, MSCN</p>	<p>(45 minutes) (2357) Psychological and Health Correlates of Healthcare Engagement Among Adults with Traumatic Spinal Cord Injuries</p> <p>Speakers: Ted Barrios, PhD & Carrie Pilarski, PhD</p>	<p>(90 minutes) (2359) Autonomic Dysfunctions Following Spinal Cord Injury and the Therapeutic Potential of Spinal Cord Stimulation</p> <p>Speakers: Claire Shackleton, PhD; Soshi Samejima, PhD, DPT; Raza Malik, PhD & Andrei Krassioukov, MD, PhD</p>
	<p>(45 minutes) (2355) Factors Associated with Fear of Falling and Fall-Related Injuries Among Wheelchair and Scooter Users</p> <p>Speakers: Sahel Moein, MD & Laura Rice, PhD, MPT, ATP</p>		<p>(45 minutes) (2358) Factors Associated with Perceived Social Isolation Among Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders</p> <p>Speakers: Marissa Wirth, MPH & Sherri LaVela, PhD, MPH, MBA</p>	
	Moderator: Kenneth Lee, MD	Moderator: Jeri Muse, PhD	Moderator: Alicia Sloan, MPH, MSW	Moderator: Angela Weir, RN, CCRN



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Program. As a surgeon-scientist and the current Chair of the AO Spine Knowledge Forum in Spinal Cord Injury, he is particularly interested in the bi-directional process of translational research for spinal cord injury, and he leads a research program focused on translation at the International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries. He has worked extensively on establishing biomarkers of human SCI to understand the biology of human injury and to better stratify injury severity and improve the prediction of neurologic outcome. Dr. Kwon has led the development of a novel large animal model of SCI and is utilizing this for both bench-to bedside and bedside-back-to-bench translational studies. Dr. Kwon has authored more than 290 scientific research manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals and has written over 35 textbook chapters. Dr. Kwon was recognized with the inaugural \$50,000 Tator-Turnbull Award in 2019 for the most outstanding SCI paper published by a Canadian investigator in the previous two years. In 2020, for his significant contributions to the SCI community, Dr. Kwon was honored by the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation with their inaugural Visionary Prize and an unrestricted cash prize of \$1 million.



Timothy R. Elliott, PhD, ABPP, is a University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at Texas A&M University. He is a past president of Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology) of the American Psychological Association, current editor of the *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, and a past editor of

Rehabilitation Psychology. His research examining adjustment processes among people living with chronic health conditions resulted in over 300 professional publications and continued federal funding for 15 years (including support for five randomized clinical trials). His studies utilizing long-distance technologies to provide problem-solving interventions for family caregivers of persons with severe disabilities contributed to innovative applications of telepsychology services for underserved communities. He is Founding Director of the Telebehavioral Care Program at Texas A&M, which began providing telepsychology services in 2009. He is a fellow of three APA divisions and holds board certification in rehabilitation psychology.

After completing his clinical internship at the Seattle (WA) Veterans Administration Medical Center and obtaining his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Missouri (1987), he began his academic career with the Department of Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. He later held faculty positions with the School of Medicine and the Department of Psychology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has served as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology* and the *Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings*. He co-edited the first (2000) and third (2019) editions of the *Handbook of Rehabilitation Psychology*® published by the American Psychological Association.



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Heidi Maloni, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, CNRN, MSCN is the Associate Clinical Director of the VA MSCoE-East. She has a VA national presence as an MS thought leader in directing clinical care expertise, research efforts, and education to best support Veterans with MS. Close to home, Dr. Maloni is an integral member of the Washington DC VAMC neurology service,

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I. Manosha Wickremasinghe, MD, serves as the Executive Director of the Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders System of Care, an appointment she has held since 2017. As Executive Director, Dr. Wickremasinghe oversees operations and policy development for 25 Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders (SCI/D) Centers and affiliated Spoke Sites, which comprise the

largest SCI/D System of Care in the nation, providing acute, long term, and lifetime care for Veterans. Dr. Wickremasinghe has more than 18 years of service and clinical experience with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and has made contributions throughout her career to leadership, academic medicine, and clinical research.

Board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and with sub-specialty certification in Spinal Cord Injury Medicine, Dr. Wickremasinghe has been a practicing physician since 2005 and a physician leader since 2007, then serving as the Medical Director and later Chief of the VA North Texas Health Care System (HCS) SCI/D Center in Dallas, Texas. She also had a more than 10-year appointment as an Assistant Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern, in Dallas, Texas. Additionally, since her appointment as a research analyst with the Human Genome

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Dr. Wickremasinghe is proud and grateful to have the opportunity to serve our Nation's heroes and to contribute to the advancement of care and the patient experience for Veterans with SCI/D.



Paul Mehta, MD, is the Principal Investigator for the United States congressionally-mandated National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Registry which resides within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and is responsible for providing medical, scientific, and epidemiological expertise on matters related to ALS. Prior to joining

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P2301: Effects of Sleep Apnea on Spasticity and Neuropathic Pain Among Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury.

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P2302: Robotics and Advanced Technology Center Significantly Improves Utilization of Robotic Exoskeleton Devices in First Year.

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P2303: Self Righting Hydration Cup Holder for Hospital Bed

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P2304: Inflammation in Neurogenic Bowel-Associated Dysfunction and Pain After Spinal Cord Injury

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P2305: The State of Care for Ventilator-Dependent Veterans with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in the Community: A Survey

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P2306: Can Do MS Veterans TAKE CHARGE® Program: An Opportunity for Learning, Connection & Participation

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P2307: Effects of Remote Ischemic Conditioning on Blood Pressure Fluctuations in Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury

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P2308: Partnership to Promote Whole Health and Wellness for Veterans Living with MS and their Families

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P2309: Adaptive Sports for All: Investigating the Socioeconomic Challenges to Participation

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P2310: Interdisciplinary Approach to Epidural Spinal Cord Stimulation: 4 Week Inpatient Rehabilitation Pilot Program

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P2311: Improving Access and Monitoring of Medications Within an Interdisciplinary Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Clinic

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P2312: Mitochondrial Dysfunction and Inflammation Increase in Below-Level Nervous Tissue in a Mouse Model of SCI

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Poster Presentations

P2313: The Transkinect Application for the Automatic Assessment of Independent Wheelchair Transfer Technique

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P2314: Proposed Telehealth Technology Navigator Program to Support Digital Literacy

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P2315: Microbiome Composition Changes Alter Sensory Neuron Function After SCI: A Potential Mechanism for Chronic Bowel Pain After Injury

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P2316: Promoting Recovery After SCI with Compounds Identified Using Novel Screening Assays

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P2317: SCI Increases Sensitivity of Below-Level Nociceptors to IL-1 Beta

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P2318: Demographic and Health Profiles of Veterans and Non-Veterans Living with Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury

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P2319: Reducing Metabolic Dysfunction After Spinal Cord Injury Via Naturally Derived-Gut Metabolite Supplementation

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P2320: Fostering Patient Centered Care for Veterans Living with SCI/D, MS and ALS

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P2321: Our Age-Friendly Health System Journey: the VAPIHCS Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Outpatient Program

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P2322: Enhancing the Performance of People with Disabilities Through Bespoke Adapted Sports Assistive Technology

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P2323: Current Evidence on the Use of Phytocannabinoids for Traumatic Spinal Cord Injuries

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P2324: Updates to Risk Factors for Fractures in Veterans with SCI/D

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2023 Paralyzed Veterans of America Healthcare Summit + Expo

Orlando, FL, August 14–August 17, 2023

Continuing Education Information

This continuing education activity is provided through collaboration between the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and AffinityCE. This activity provides continuing education credit for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, certified rehabilitation counselors, registered dietitians, and speech-language professionals. A statement of participation is available to other attendees.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Review the state-of-the-art research, and emerging science in helping advance the quality of care in individuals with spinal cord injury/disease (SCI/D), MS, and ALS.
- Recognize the implications for practice and policy in the treatment of SCI/D
- Describe the screening, prevention and monitoring of multiple sclerosis and infections.
- List the psycho-cognitive effects of CPAP therapy for sleep apnea in people with chronic spinal cord injury.
- Recognize how the VA health care system can individualize MS therapy based on the perceptions of risk to benefit, past medical history and future monitoring.
- Describe key themes identified by individuals with SCI/D that reflect their nutrition and eating beliefs and behaviors.
- Recognize the differences and similarities between SCI, MS and ALS and key practice issues
- Describe the current FDA approved MS DMTs and understand their criteria for use in the VA health care system.
- Explain clinical utilization characteristics of identified inpatient rehabilitation outcome measures
- Discuss the progression from a multi-disciplinary to an inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary service team dedicated to Veterans with ALS



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- Demonstrate effective ways to increase communication and knowledge distribution among a team of clinicians.
- List 5 key elements of Trauma-Informed Care
- Describe the importance and potential outcomes and impacts of meaningful engagement in the SCI research process.
- Describe the potential scope and role of Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS) on patient care teams
- Provide a structured approach to teaching 5 basic community or advanced-level wheelchair skills
- Describe a conceptual training model for a SCI peer experience program achieving 1:1 individualized treatment in a group setting.

Disclosures

AffinityCE staff, PVA staff, as well as planners and reviewers have no relevant financial or non-financial interests to disclose.

All faculty disclosures are provided for viewing prior to the launch of the program to participants and stated prior to the start of each presentation.

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Physicians



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Nurses



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Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians



AffinityCE is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This knowledge-based activity will provide a maximum of 22.50 contact hours for participants completing all CPE activities. UANs are provided for each session. Participant CE records will be electronically communicated to CPE Monitor. There is no cost to participate in this activity.

Psychologists

AffinityCE is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. AffinityCE maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

This activity provides up to 22.50 hours of CE Credit.

The instructional level of this activity is intermediate. The cost to participate in these CE sessions is included in the registration cost for the Program.

Social Workers

"This program is Approved by the National Association of Social Workers (Approval # 886551225-2597) for 18.5 continuing education contact hours."

Dietitians



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Speech-Language Professionals



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Intermediate Level

Up to 2.25 ASHA CEUs

At the end of this activity, speech-language professionals (SLP) should be able to:

1. Define Cognitive Supported Learning (CSL) in the context of Spinal Cord Injury in Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation.
2. Discuss the SLP and interdisciplinary team role in supporting veterans with MS who report fatigue.
3. Explain how ethics intersects with law and policy.
4. Recognize through challenging case studies solutions that help individualize and optimize care.
5. Discuss the salient outcomes associated with healthcare engagement among adults living with Traumatic Spinal Cord Injuries (TSCI).
6. List the benefits of collaboration between the VA and patient advocacy groups.
7. Explain the role of an individual's cognitive appraisal of his or her disability as an influence in health, recovery, and psychosocial well-being.
8. Review the pathophysiological and cognitive mechanisms of fatigue in multiple sclerosis.
9. Recognize the impact of fatigue on all cognitive and linguistic functions.
10. Implement best practices in the management of SCI, MS, and ALS.

Rehabilitation Counselors



This activity has been submitted to the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) for 22.50 contact hours.

Other Professionals

All other health care professionals completing this continuing education activity will be issued a statement of participation indicating the number of hours of continuing education credit. This may be used for professional education CE credit. Please consult your accrediting organization or licensing board for their acceptance of this CE activity.

Commercial Support

No commercial support was provided for this activity.



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Participation Costs

The cost to participate in these CE sessions is included in the registration cost for the program.

CME Inquiries

For all CME policy-related inquiries, please contact us at ce@affinityced.com.

How to Earn CE Credit

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1. Go to the following Web site: pva.cds.affinityced.com.
2. Select the activity: **2023 Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Healthcare Summit + Expo**
3. Enter an e-mail address and password to begin setting up your profile. Select “I Forgot My Password” if you need to reset the password you set up.
4. Verify, correct, or add your information.
5. Proceed to complete activity evaluations for each session you attended.
6. After evaluating all attended sessions, you must complete the **Overall Evaluation** to download your CE certificate.
7. Upon completing your evaluations, you can download your CE certificate. Your CE record will also be stored here for later retrieval.
8. The web site is open for completing your evaluation for 45 days after the event, until October 1, 2023.
9. After the web site has closed, you can come back to the site at any time to print your certificate, but you will not be able to add any evaluations.
10. Participants claiming Pharmacist CE credits will need to supply their Date of birth and NABP number. Pharmacy CE records will be electronically communicated to CPE Monitor.

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