



Sunday, August 25				
12:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration - Platinum Registration Desk			
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Workshop 1: Track 2: Platinum 7-10	Workshop: 2 Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2		Workshop: 3 Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4
	(1:00-3:00pm) The Nuts and Bolts: SCI, MS, ALS 101 Speakers: Kevin White, Huned Patwa, Mitch Wallin	(1:00-3:00pm) Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Tips and Tricks for Travel for Providers and Individuals with SCI/D Speakers: Rachel M. Hibbs, DPT, NCS, ATP/SMS, Lynn Worobey, PhD, DPT, ATP, Marshall Lee Tempest, BA  (3:00-5:00pm) From Mainstream to Bedside – Using Smart Home Technologies to Enhance Patient Care and Participation Speakers: Lynn Worobey, PhD, DPT, ATP, Randy Huzinec, PT, Lindsey Morris, OTD, OTR/L		(1:00-5:00pm) ALS: Start Here Speakers: Virginia Kudritzki, Laura Mellon, Korren Rapisso
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception - Expo Hall, Marquis Ballroom			
Monday, August 26				
7:00am - 8:00 am	Registration - Platinum Registration Desk			
7:00am - 8:00am	Continental Breakfast - Platinum Ballroom Foyer			
8:00am - 8:15am	Opening Remarks  TBA National President, Paralyzed Veterans of America Carl Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
8:15am - 8:45am	PVA Advocacy / Clinical Excellence Awards  Angela Weir, Director of Medical Services, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
8:45am - 10:00am	Opening Keynote Address Homer Townsend, Jr. Memorial Lecture  Brain Computer Interfaces: New Frontiers in Accessibility and Autonomy David Putrino, PT, PhD Director of Rehabilitation Innovation, Mount Sinai Health System, NY, NY Professor of Rehabilitation and Human Performance, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai New York, New York			
10:00am - 5:00pm	Registration - Platinum Registration Desk			
10:00am - 10:30am	Coffee Break - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo			
10:30am - 12:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6  (90 mins) Towards Delivery of Equitable and Inclusive Healthcare to Sexual and Gender Minority Veterans with SCI/D Speakers: B. Jenny Kiratli, PhD, Shane Lamba, MPH, Megan Neal PhD	Track 2: Platinum 7-10  (45 mins) My Wheelchair and I Are Always One until We Travel by Air—Empowerment through Preparation Speaker: Peter Axelson, MSME, ATP, RET  (45 mins) Wheelchair part failures and consequences are linked to wheelchair usage, part damage and user characteristics Speakers: Anand Mhatre	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2  (45 mins) Disease-Modifying Therapies at the VA: Updated Guidance from MSCoE and VA Pharmacy Benefits Management Speakers: Rebecca Spain, MD, MSPH, FAAN, Christopher Hollen, MD  (45 mins) Biosimilar DMTs for MS: Clinical, Regulatory, and Cost Considerations for Your Practice Speakers: Natasha Antonovich, PharmD, BCPS	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4  (45 mins) A More Perfect Union: The VHA ALS System of Care Takes Shape Speaker: Ileana Howard, MD  (45 mins) Bowel Dysfunction and Management in Persons with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Speakers: Jessica Vos, BSN, RN
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo Expo & Poster Viewing			
12:00pm-1:00pm	Sponsor Symposium 1: - Track 2, Platinum 7-10 (12:00pm)  First Nation Group  Lunch Provided in the Room			
12:15pm-1:00pm	Sponsor Symposium 2: Track 3, Platinum 1 & 2 (12:15pm)  Novartis  Lunch Provided in the Room			
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6  (45 mins) Facilitators to alleviate loneliness as identified by individuals with spinal cord injuries and disorders Speakers: Marissa Wirth, MPH, Sherri LaVela, PhD, MPH, MBA  (45 mins) Taking care of the provider and preventing burnout: How to say no Speaker: Michelle H. Cameron, MD, PT, MCR	Track 2: Platinum 7-10  (45 mins) Clinicians' Perspectives Towards Online Fall Prevention and Management Program in Wheelchair and Scooter Users Speakers: Ziwei Li, MSOT, Sahel Moein  (45 mins) Designing a Fall Prevention and Management mHealth App for People Using Wheelchairs and Scooters Full-time Speakers: Sahel Moein, MD, MSc, Laura A. Rice, PhD, MPT, ATP	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2  (45 mins) Restructuring of the VA Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence Speakers: Glenn D. Graham, MD PhD, Danielle Lawrence, MSC, CCMP, CBSP  (45 mins) Embracing the Humanistic Approach Incorporating Personal Narratives in Multiple Sclerosis HealthCare Delivery Speakers: Carol Gibson-Gill,MD, Sheila Holbert, RN, BSN, Jazmin Torres RN, BSN	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4  (90 mins) The Last Breath: Respiratory Failure and End of Life in ALS Speakers: Korren Rappisi, RRT, BA, Susie Ryan-Coy, MSW, LICSW
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Coffee Break - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo			
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6	Track 2: Platinum 7-10	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4



	(45 mins) Soaring Together: Empowering Our Veterans with SCI/D (Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder) through Indoor Skydiving Speakers: Dukens Pierre, RT, Rachel Szymanski, OTR/L, ATP  (45 mins) Evidence-based findings demonstrating how configuring a rigid wheelchair improves postural integrity and propulsion mechanics Speakers: Jessica Presperin OTD, MBA, BSOT, ATP/SMS, FAOTA, RESNA Fellow, Jan Furumasu BS PT ATP	(45 mins) Toward deeper understanding of interactions between chronic pain and recurrent pressure injuries after traumatic SCI Speakers: Kath M. Bogie, D.Phil, FAIMBE, Letitia Y. Graves, PhD, RN  (45 mins) Reducing UTI Risk: A Comprehensive Model for Patients with Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction Speakers: Michael Kennelly, MD	(45 mins) The Vascular Topography of Lesions in the Brains of People with Newly Diagnosed Multiple Sclerosis Speaker: Ahmad Toubasi  (45 mins) Imaging Multiple Sclerosis Beyond the Resolution of the Blood Brain Barrier Speakers: Francesca Bagnato, MDPhD	(45 mins) Cognitive Multisensory Rehabilitation for Sensorimotor Recovery in Adults with Spinal Cord Injury: pilot clinical trial. Speakers: Ann Van de Winkel, PhD, MSPT  (45 mins) Promoting neurological recovery after traumatic spinal cord injury with Trk modulating small molecule Speaker: Arthur Sefiani, PhD
5:00pm - 6:00pm	5:15 MSCOE Meeting - Track 3, Platinum 1 & 2	Poster Viewing (Expo Hall) Refreshments Provided		
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Sponsor Symposium:- Track 2, Platinum 7-10  TBA			
Tuesday, August 27				
7:00am - 8:00 am	Sponsor Symposium: Track 2, Platinum 7-10  TBA			
7:15am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - Platinum Ballroom Foyer			
8:00am - 8:15am	Opening Remarks Lindsay Perlman			
8:15am - 9:00am	Keynote Address Shereef Elnahal, MD Under Secretary of Health, Veterans Administration			
9:00am - 10:15am	John M. Whitaker Memorial Lecture Introduction - Jodie Haselkorn, MD Maria Fides Pacheco, MD Chief Operating Officer, SCI Service, Dallas VA Medical Center Dallas, TX			
10:00am - 5:00pm	Registration - Platinum Registration Desk			
10:15 - 10:30am	Coffee Break - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo			
10:30am - 12:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6  (45 mins) The Role of Clinical Reaction Time in Concussion Evaluation of Adaptive Sport Athletes Speakers: Lauren Shuda, MD, Eric Bobel, MD  (45 mins) Deep Dive Health: Movement and Mindset Attention to Modify and Provide Sustainable Healthy Lifestyle for Persons with Disability Speakers: Justin Plesnik, CPT, Kenneth Lee, MD, Suha Muqet	Track 2: Platinum 7-10  (45 mins) Preventing Community Acquired Pressure Injuries in Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury: A Mixed-Methods Study Speakers: Lisa Burkhart, PhD, RN, PhD, Lorie Jacobs, MS  (45 mins) Health provider’s beliefs about anti-obesity medication use in persons with spinal cord injuries and disorders Speakers: Sherri LaVela, PhD, MPH, MBA	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2  (90 mins) Disease Management Therapies: When to Switch, When to Hold, When to do Nothing Speakers: Mitchell Wallin, MD, Bryan Smith, MD, Suma Shaw MD, Jodie Haselkorn, MD, Carey DeLuca, CRNP, FNP-C, AGNP-C	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4  (90 mins) The Complexities and Challenges with End-of-life Care Speakers: Catherine Wilson, PsyD., ABPP, Ashley Lee, MA, Luis Alvarado, MD
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo Expo & Poster Viewing			
12:00pm-1:00pm	Sponsor Symposium 1: - Track 3, Platinum 1 & 2 (12:00pm)  Biogen  Lunch Provided in the Room			
12:15pm-1:00pm	Sponsor Symposium 2: Track 2, Platinum 7-10 (12:15pm)  Mitsubishi Tanabe  Lunch Provided in the Room			
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6  (45 mins) Using Wearable Devices and mHealth/eHealth to Promote Physical Activity in People with SCI Speakers: Zijian Huang, MS, Dan Ding, PhD  (45 mins) Integrating Remote Patient Monitoring in Spinal Cord Injury Clinic: Comparison of two Wearable Device Systems Speakers: Amanda Bowen, RN, MPH, Elizabeth Burkhart, PhD, RN	Track 2: Platinum 7-10  (90 mins) Updates in VHA Prosthetics: Partnership and Collaboration in Serving the SCI/D Veteran Population Speaker: Dr. Martin J. Kilbane PT, DPT, OCS	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2  (45 mins) Imaging Multiple Sclerosis: from Experts Recommendations to Day-to-Day Implementation Speakers: Francesca Bagnato, MDPhD  (45 mins) Transverse Myelitis and Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Diagnosis and Treatment Speaker: Eric Williamson, MD	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4  15 min lightning (1) Effects of sleep apnea on cardiovascular dysfunction in individuals living with chronic spinal cord injury. Speaker: Julio C. Furlan, MD, LLB, MBA, PhD, MSc, FRCPC, FAAN, FASIA (2) Emphasis on the psychosocial: Rethinking sexuality for adults with spinal cord injury Speaker: Deanna Tuttle, MS (3) Early Functional and MR imaging biomarkers in Asymptomatic C9orf72 Carriers Speaker: Jayakrishnan Nair (4) Identifying barriers to healthcare for Veterans with ALS Speaker: John Dolan (5) A Clinical Translational Study: Gene Variants as Determinants of Phantom Limb Pain Development. Speaker: Philip R.Effraim, MD, PhD



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3:30pm - 5:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6	Track 2: Platinum 7-10	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4
	(45 mins) Development of an Inpatient Rehabilitation Outcome Measures (SCI-ROM) Toolkit for Veterans with Spinal Cord Speakers: Maureen Jennings, PT, DPT, NCS, ATP, Jana LaMarca, OTD, OTR/L, ATP, MSCS	(45 mins) Bowel and bladder function as spinal cord injury vital signs: A novel electronic tracking tool Speakers: Kristin West, Christine Krull, MD	(45 mins) Enhancing high-quality VA MS care; Creation of the MSCoE VA MS Clinical Note template Speakers: Rebecca Spain, MD, MSPH, FAAN, Andrew Tarr, MD, Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH	(45 mins) Oropharyngeal Dysphagia in ALS: Updates in Assessment and Treatment by the Speech-Language Pathologist Speakers: Laura Mellon, MS, CCC-SLP, ATP, Annette Nicole Askren, CScD, CCC-SLP
	(45 mins) Sitting is the new smoking:" Early supported standing following paralysis through complex rehab technology" Speakers: Kristen Cezat, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS, NCS	(45 mins) Using digital home assistants and smart technologies for older adults with mobility disabilities Speakers: Jaewon Kang, Ph.D., MSOT	(45 mins) Learning The System: A New Comprehensive VA MS Social Work Assessment Within The New EHR Speakers: Kaylee Spangenberg, LICSW, Alicia Sloan, LICSW	(45 mins) Respiratory Muscle Strength Training in ALS: Developing a VA SLP Framework for Promoting Functional Reserve Speakers: Annette Nicole Askren, CScD, CCC-SLP, Sarah Kiefer Luhring, MA, CCC-SLP, ATP, CBIS
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Poster Viewing (Cocktail Hour)			
5:15pm - 6:15pm	VA SCI Staff Meeting in Track 1 - Platinum 5 & 6			
6:30pm-8:30pm	PVA Healthcare Appreciation Reception			
Wednesday, August 28				
7:15am - 8:00am	Continental Breakfast - Platinum Ballroom Foryer			
8:00am - 8:15am	Welcome Remarks - Ken Lee, MD, Program Chair			
8:15am - 9:15am	Opening Remarks  Jeri Muse, PhD., San Diego, CA Trauma Informed Care: A Model to Improve Rehabilitation			
9:15am - 10:15am	Keynote Address  Christina Fournier MD, Emory University, Atlanta GA			
10:00am - 2:00pm	Registration - Platinum Registration Desk			
10:15am - 10:30am	Coffee Break - Platinum Ballroom Foryer			
10:30am - 12:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6	Track 2: Platinum 7-10	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4
	(45 mins) Forging effective collaborations between clinicians and researchers to aid in the translation of new technologies Speakers: Alicia Koontz, PhD, RET, ATP, Brooke Slavens, PhD	(45 mins) Sleep disorders in individuals with spinal cord injury or disease: A wake-up call for change Speakers: Julio C. Furlan, MD, LLB, MBA, PhD, MSc, FRCPC, FAAN, FASIA	(90 mins) The MS Multi-Disciplinary Team: Perspectives from Social Work, Neuropsychology, and the Neurology Nurse Practitioner Speakers: Carey M. DeLuca CRNP, MSN, Brittany Vazquez PsyD, Bethany Ferguson, LCSW-C	(45 mins) The Bare Bones Podcast: Co-Designing a Podcast Series with Lived Experience Partners using PVA CPG Content Speakers: B. Catharine Craven, BA, MD, FRCPC, MSc, FASIA, FCAH, Anita Kaiser, PhD (c)
	(45 mins) The NASCIC Research Advocacy Course: An Overview of Course Effectiveness and Promoting Veteran Participation Speakers: Barry Munro, LLB, Emily Giroux, MSc, BSc	(45 mins) Insulin resistance index for pressure injury risk in people with chronic spinal cord injury Speakers: Yi-Ting Tzen, PhD		(45 mins) Putting Bone Health and Osteoporosis Management Guidelines into Practice : our SCI Center's Experience Speakers: Samantha Mendelson DO, Kathryn Fitzgerald PT, DPT, NCS, Cassandra Hogan PT, DPT, NCS
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1:30pm - 3:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6	Track 2: Platinum 7-10	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4
	(90 mins) Implementation Workshop: Building a successful Caregivers Appreciation Conference For SCI, MS and ALS Caregivers Speakers: Joyce Williams, LCSW, MSCS, Carol Gibson-Gill, MD, MSCS, Sheila Holbert, RN	(45 mins) From An Initial SCI VA Grant to Helping Patients Breath Worldwide: The Diaphragm Pacing Story Speakers: Raymond Onders MD, FACS, FASIA  (45 mins) Increasing access to pulmonary function testing (PFT) through at home testing for veterans with ALS Speaker: Elamin M. Elamin MD., Catherine Wilson PsyD,ABPP	(45 mins) The ABCs of Cognitive Functioning in Multiple Sclerosis: Assessment, Behavioral Health, and Cognitive Rehabilitation Speakers: Mary A. Fernandes, PhD, Ernest Aucone, PhD, ABPP-CN (45 mins) Establishing Short and Mid-Term Research Priorities for Veterans with Multiple Sclerosis: A Modified Delphi Process Speakers: Lindsey Wooliscroft M.D., M.Sc., M.C.R.	(90 mins) Diversity in Staff Moral Distress after a Patient stops eating Speakers: Maggi A Budd, PhD, MPH, ABPP, HEC-C, Isabella Channell, MA