



Sunday, August 25				
Registration - Platinum Registration Desk				
12:00pm - 7:00pm				
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Workshop 1: Track 2: Platinum 7-10 (1:00-3:00pm) The Nuts and Bolts: SCI, MS, ALS 101 Speakers: Kevin White, Huned Patwa, Mitch Wallin	Workshop 2: Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2 (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	Workshop 3: Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4 (1:00-5:00pm) ALS: Start Here Speakers: Virginia Kudritzki, Laura Mellon, Korren Rappisi	
Welcome Reception - Expo Hall, Marquis Ballroom				
Monday, August 26				
Registration - Platinum Registration Desk				
Continental Breakfast - Platinum Ballroom Foyer				
Opening Remarks TBA National President, Paralyzed Veterans of America Carl Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Paralyzed Veterans of America				
PVA Advocacy / Clinical Excellence Awards Angela Weir, Director of Medical Services, Paralyzed Veterans of America				
Opening Keynote Address Homer Townsend, Jr. Memorial Lecture <i>TBD</i>				
Registration - Platinum Registration Desk				
Coffee Break - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo				
10:00am - 5:00pm				
10:00am - 10:30am				
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
Lunch - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo Expo & Poster Viewing				
Sponsor Symposium 1: - Track 2, Platinum 7-10 (12:00pm) First Nation Group Lunch Provided in the Room				
Sponsor Symposium 2: Track 3, Platinum 1 & 2 (12:15pm) Novartis Lunch Provided in the Room				
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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
Coffee Break - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo				
3:00pm - 3:30pm				
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6 (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 Furumasa BS PT ATP	Track 2: Platinum 7-10 (45 mins) Toward deeper understanding of interactions between chronic pain and recurrent pressure injuries after traumatic SCI Speakers: Kath M. Bogle, 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	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2 (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	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4 (45 mins) Cognitive Multisensory Rehabilitation for Sensorimotor Recovery in Adults with Spinal Cord Injury: pilot clinical trial. Speakers: Ann Van de Winckel, 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			
8:15am - 8:30am	Opening Remarks			
8:30am - 9:00am	Keynote Address			
9:00am - 10:15am	John M. Whitaker Memorial Lecture Maria Fides Pacheco, MD			
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 Muqheet	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. <i>Speaker: Julio C. Furlan, MD, LLB, MBA, PhD, MSc, FRCP, FAAN, FASIA</i> (2) Emphasis on the psychosocial: Rethinking sexuality for adults with spinal cord injury <i>Speaker: Deanna Tuttle, MS</i> (3) Early Functional and MR imaging biomarkers in Asymptomatic C9orf72 Carriers <i>Speaker: Jayakrishnan Nair</i> (4) Identifying barriers to healthcare for Veterans with ALS <i>Speaker: John Dolan</i> (5) A Clinical Translational Study: Gene Variants as Determinants of Phantom Limb Pain Development. <i>Speaker: Philip R.Effraim, MD, PhD</i>
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Coffee Break - Marquis Ballroom Foyer & Expo			
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6 (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) Sitting is the new smoking: Early supported standing following paralysis through complex rehab technology Speakers: Kristen Cezat, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS, NCS	Track 2: Platinum 7-10 (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) Using digital home assistants and smart technologies for older adults with mobility disabilities Speakers: Jaewon Kang, Ph.D., MSOT	Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2 (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) Learning The System: A New Comprehensive VA MS Social Work Assessment Within The New EHR Speakers: Kaylee Spangenberg, LICSW, Alicia Sloan, LICSW	Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4 (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) Respiratory Muscle Strength Training in ALS: Developing a VA SLP Framework for Promoting Functional Reserve Speakers: Annette Nicole Askren, CScD, CCC-SLP, Sarah Kiefer Lühring, 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				
7:30am - 8:15am	Continental Breakfast - Platinum Ballroom Foyer			
8:30am - 8:45am	Welcome Remarks - Ken Lee, MD, Program Chair			
8:45am - 9:15am	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jeri Muse, PhD., San Diego, CA Trauma Informed Care: A Model to Improve Rehabilitation</i></p>			
9:15am - 10:15am	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Address</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Christina Fournier MD, Emory University, Atlanta GA. ALS Keynote</i></p>			
10:00am - 2:00pm	Registration - Platinum Registration Desk			
10:15am - 10:30am	Coffee Break - Platinum Ballroom Foyer			
10:30am - 12:00pm	<p>Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(45 mins) The NASCIC Research Advocacy Course: An Overview of Course Effectiveness and Promoting Veteran Participation Speakers: Barry Munro, LLB, Emily Giroux, MSc, BSc</p>	<p>Track 2: Platinum 7-10</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(45 mins) Insulin resistance index for pressure injury risk in people with chronic spinal cord injury Speakers: Yi-Ting Tzen, PhD</p>	<p>Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4</p> <p>(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)</p> <p>(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</p>
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - Platinum Ballroom Foyer			
1:30pm - 3:00pm	<p>Track 1: Platinum 5 & 6</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>Track 2: Platinum 7-10</p> <p>(45 mins) From An Initial SCI VA Grant to Helping Patients Breath Worldwide: The Diaphragm Pacing Story Speakers: Raymond Onders MD, FACS, FASIA</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>Track 3: Platinum 1 & 2</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>Track 4: Platinum 3 & 4</p> <p>(90 mins) Diversity in Staff Moral Distress after a Patient stops eating Speakers: Maggi A Budd, PhD, MPH, ABPP, HECC, Isabella Channell, MA</p>