

Sunday, August 30				
12:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk			
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Preconference Institute Track 2: Silver Ballroom (1:00pm) Participatory Action Design and Engineering in Motion: Gamified Educational Interventions to Improve Access to Transportation Sangmi Park, PhD, OTR, Jorge Candiotti, PhD, Jason Raad, PhD (3:00pm) Power Up! Optimizing Manual Wheelchair Performance with Power-Assist and Add-On Technologies Rachel Hibbs, PT, DPT, NCS, ATP/SMS, Lynn Worobey, PhD, DPT, ATP, Juli Harrison, OTD, OTR/L, ATP Moderator:	Preconference Institute Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (1:00pm) SCI 101; ALS 101; MS 101: Nuts and Bolts of Understanding and Managing SCI&D from onset to throughout life Tommy Yu, MD, James Orengo, MD, PhD, Elizabeth Silbermann, MD, MCS (3:00pm) A Practical Framework for Progressive Strengthening After Spinal Cord Injury Abigail Ruppel, PT, DPT, NCS Moderator:	Preconference Institute Track 4: Palace 3-5 (1:00pm) In Focus: Capturing A Yearlong Photography Project for Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders Rachel Szymanski, OTR/L, ATP, Dukens Pierre, RT (3:00pm) Implementation and Future of Artificial Intelligence in the Veterans Health Administration Glenn Graham, MD, PhD Moderator:	
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception - Event Center			
Monday, August 31				
7:00am - 8:00 am	Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk			
7:00am - 8:00am	Continental Breakfast - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
8:00am - 8:15am	Opening Remarks Robert Thomas, National President, Paralyzed Veterans of America Carl Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
8:15am - 9:00am	Keynote Address <i>Keynote Address: TBA</i>			
9:00am - 10:00am	Opening Keynote Address Homer Townsend, Jr. Memorial Lecture <i>Indra Sandal, PhD</i> <i>Chief Innovation Officer and Center Director of the National Center for Transformational Innovation at the VA Tampa Healthcare System</i>			
10:00am - 5:00pm	Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk			
10:00am - 10:30am	Coffee Break - Event Center			
10:30am - 12:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom (45min) How to Perform the Expedited International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury Stephen Burns, MD (45min) Embodied Healing: Cultivating Whole-Person Care in SCI Medicine Education Felicia Skelton, MD, MS Moderator:	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (45min) Balancing Patient Autonomy and Staff/Caregiver Safety in Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Practices Pauline (Tony) Hilton, MSN, FNP, CRRN, CSPHA, FARN, Catherine Manlapaz MSN-Ed, RN, Yasemin Zablan, MSN, RN (45min) Evaluating Accessibility of Residential Substance Use Treatment for People with Spinal Cord Injuries Jo Ann Shoup, PhD, LSW, NCC Moderator:	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (45min) Pelvic health for people living with multiple sclerosis: Background, impacts, and current rehabilitation strategies Lauren Van Valkenburgh, PT, DPT, Valerie Block, PT, DPTSc (45min) Race as an Independent Predictor of Accelerated Brain Aging and Functional Loss in Multiple Sclerosis Anza Memon, MD, FAAN Moderator:	Track 4: Palace 3-5 (90min) ALS Management Mastery: Interdisciplinary Strategies for Complex Cases Shane Chanpimol, PT, DPT, NCS, Ileana Howard, MD, Leah Darling, LCSW Moderator:
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - Event Center			
12:00pm-1:00pm	Expo & Poster Viewing - Event Center Sponsor Symposium (12:00pm) Track 3: Bronze 1-4 First Nation Group Lunch Provided in the Room			
12:15pm-1:00pm	Sponsor Symposium (12:15pm) Track 2: Silver Ballroom Onward Medical Lunch Provided in the Room			
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom (90min) Interdisciplinary Approaches to Women's Health After Spinal Cord Injury: A Panel Discussion Kristen Cezat, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS, NCS	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (45min) How do Clinicians Assess Concern About Falling in People Who Use Wheelchairs and Scooters? Sahel Moein, MS, MD, Laura Rice, MPT, PhD, ATP (45min) What Could Go Wrong? Strategic Management of Mobility Related Adverse Events Kendra Betz, MSPT, ATP Moderator:	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (90min) Enhancing Cognitive Wellness in Multiple Sclerosis: Evidence-Based Strategies for Mental Health Providers Terry Lee-Wilk, PhD, Moira Dux PhD Moderator:	Track 4: Palace 3-5 (45min) Addressing Fatigue During Eating: Practical Approaches for ALS Mealtime Independence Heather Keeton, ATP, CDME (45min) Sleep as an Occupation: A Technology-Enabled Framework to Improve Function in ALS and MS Malcolm Reed, Malcolm Reed, MS, OTR/L, NIC Moderator:
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Coffee Break - Event Center			

3:30pm - 5:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom	Track 2: Silver Ballroom	Track 3: Bronze 1-4	Track 4: Palace 3-5
	(45min) Impact of biological sex on the epidemiology, pathophysiology, and outcomes after spinal cord injury Julio Furlan, MD, LLB, MBA, MSc, PhD, FRCPC, FAAN	(45min) Get Up, Stand Up: Novel Wheeled Mobility Device Impacts Participation and Wellbeing Amber Wacek, PT, DPT, ATP, Jeffrey Jaramillo, PT, DPT, B. Jenny Kiratli, PhD	(45min) Overview of Diagnosis and Treatment of Eye Movement Disorders in Multiple Sclerosis Alessandro Serra, MD, PhD	(45min) Voice Preservation in the 21st Century: Current Updates in Augmentative Communication in ALS Annette Nicole Askren, CScD, CCC-SLP, Meghan O'Brien, MS, CCC-SLP
	(45min) Increasing Participation in Clinical Trials Among Individuals with Disabilities Robbin Clark, RN, MSN-Ed., CCRC, Michael Kennelly, MD	(45min) Accessibility and Air Travel Experiences Among Wheeled Mobility Device Users: Barriers by Device Type Paige Matijasich, MD, Sangmi Park, PhD, OT	(45min) Retinal Layers as Non-Invasive Biomarkers of Accelerated Brain Aging and Clinical Disability in Multiple Sclerosis Anza Memon, MD, FAAN	(45min) Technology Ethics: Considerations for Veterans with ALS Using High-Tech Augmentative and Alternative Communication Laura Mellon, MS, CCC-SLP, ATP, Annette "Nicole" Askren, CScD, CCC-SLP
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5:00pm - 6:30pm	Poster Viewing (Event Center) - Refreshments Provided			
5:15pm - 6:30pm	ALS System of Care Meeting in Track 2		MS (MSCoE) Network of Care Meeting in Track 3	
Tuesday, September 1				
7:00am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
8:00am - 8:15am	Opening Remarks			
8:15am - 9:30am	Lindsay Perlman, MPH, Director of Research and Education, Paralyzed Veterans of America () John M. Whitaker Memorial Lecture Aaron Turner, PhD Professor, Director, Rehabilitation Psychology, VA Puget Sound Health Care System			
9:30am - 5:00pm	Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
9:30 - 10:30am	Coffee Break - Event Center			
10:30am - 12:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom	Track 2: Silver Ballroom	Track 3: Bronze 1-4	Track 4: Palace 3-5
	(90min) Improving Health Equity Through Mobility Screening: Lessons from VA Mobility Screening And Solutions Tool Adaptation Bridget A. Cotner, PhD, Christine Melillo, PhD, RN, Margaret Arnold, PT	(90min) Standing with Confidence: Aligning Evidence Based Frameworks to Optimize Standing Related Complex Rehab Technology Selection Kristen Cezat PT, DPT, ATP/SMS, Douglas Eck, PT, DPT, NCS, MHI, ATP	(45min) Introduction and Update on the Multiple Sclerosis Prodrome Mitchell Wallin, MD, MPH, John Rinker, MD (45min) Non-MS Patients in MS Practice - Rare Neuro Disorders- Case Discussions Anza Memon, MD, FAAN	(45min) Navigating Complex Conversations-A Workshop for Professionals Mandi Bailey, BS, Jill Brattain, BS, Beth Whittington, MD, Melinda Kavanaugh, PhD, LCSW (45min) Moral distress and ethical responses after a patient stops eating desiring to die Maggi A Budd, PhD, MPH, HEC-C, Kelly Skinner, DNP, APRN, ANP-C
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12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - Event Center			
12:00pm-1:00pm	Poster Viewing -			
12:00pm-1:00pm	Sponsor Symposium (12:00pm) Track 3: Bronze 1-4			
	<i>Maxim Healthcare</i>			
	Lunch Provided in the Room			
12:15pm-1:00pm	Sponsor Symposium (12:15pm) Track 2: Silver Ballroom			
	<i>Biogen</i>			
	Lunch Provided in the Room			
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom	Track 2: Silver Ballroom	Track 3: Bronze 1-4	Track 4: Palace 3-5
	(45min) Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction: Cutting Edge Care and Guidelines Update Michael Kennelly, MD	(45min) Integrated Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES): Theory and Practical Applications for Clinic and Home Colleen Connaughton, PT, DPT, Laurie Magerfleisch, PT, DPT	(45min) Beyond the Patient: Elevating Caregiver Well-Being in MS Care Systems Bethany Ferguson, LCSW-C, Alicia Sloan, LICSW	(15min) Estimating the Number of Veterans with ALS: Data from the National ALS Registry Paul Mehta, MD
	(45min) Optimizing Neurogenic Bowel Management using Transanal Irrigation: Specialized Home Educational Program with Case-Based Insights Tommy Yu, MD, Marsha Marquez, RN	(45min) Low-Intensity Blood Flow Restriction to Improve Upper Limb Strength After Spinal Cord Injury Babak Shadgan, MD, MSc Sports Med, PhD	(45min) Children and youth as caregivers: Support and Interventions for Hidden Veteran Caregivers across Illness and Injury Melinda Kavanaugh, MSW, PhD	(15min) Diagnostic differences between military veterans and non-veterans: data from the United States National ALS Registry Jaime Raymond, MPH
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3:00pm - 3:30pm	Coffee Break - Event Center			

3:30pm - 5:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom (15min) Effects of older age and sex on axonal survival within the spinal cord after SCI Julio C Furlan, MB, LLB, MBA, PhD, MSc, FRCPC, FAAN, FASIA (15min) Increased galectin-3 expression in muscle with heterotopic ossification following spinal cord injury Chan Gao, MD, PhD (15min) Cognitive testing among people with spinal cord injury: accommodation solutions and implementation concerns Manrui Zhang, PhD, MPH, MSW (45min) Medication Use Patterns in Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Admissions and the Moderator:	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (45min) Food for Thought: Self-feeding with Limited Upper Extremity Strength Jennifer Lynn, OTR (45min) Wound Healing Reimagined: Development of a Novel Pressure Relief Surface and Evaluation by Veteran Users Owen Flaugh, MS, Shantanu Satpute, PhD+B59:C59 Moderator:	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (90min) When Multiple Sclerosis Is Something Else: Recognizing MS Mimics in Veterans Stacey Clardy, MD, PhD, Tammy Smith, MD, PhD, Ka-Ho Wong, MBA Moderator:	Track 4: Palace 3-5 (45min) Interdisciplinary Assistive Technology Teams: Maximizing Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Satisfaction for Veterans Living with ALS Laura Mellon, MS, CCC-SLP, ATP, Kaila Ott, MS, ATP, RET (45min) ALS Untangled Ashley Lee, MS, Richard Bedlack, MD, PhD, MS Moderator:
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Poster Viewing (Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar) - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
5:15pm - 6:30pm	VA SCI Staff Meeting in Track 1			
6:30pm - 8:30pm	PVA Healthcare Appreciation Reception - Skyview 5/6 on 26th Floor			
Wednesday, September 2				
7:00am - 8:00am	Continental Breakfast - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
8:00am - 8:15am	Welcome Remarks Kenneth Lee, MD, Program Chair			
8:15am - 9:00am	PVA Advocacy / Clinical Excellence Awards			
9:00am - 10:00am	TBA, Paralyzed Veterans of America () Keynote Address Compassionate Care of the Veteran with ALS: the Role of Primary and Specialty Palliative Care Jerome Kurent, MD, MPH			
10:00am - 2:00pm	Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
10:00am - 10:30am	Coffee Break - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
10:30am - 12:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom (90min) Harmonizing SCI, MS and VHA Registries for Cross-System Insights on SCI Characteristics and Outcomes Yuying Chen, MD, PhD, Jennifer Sippel, PhD, Stephen Burns, MD Moderator:	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (45min) Strength in Planning: Strategies to Achieve Financial Wellness for Veterans with Life-Altering Disabilities Genia Hachenberg, MS, CRC, Danielle Hetu, MS, CRC, CWIC, VET-C, Mary McDirmid, ChSNC, ChFC, Eric Ochmanek, BA (45min) Restoring Purpose on the Water: Maritime-Based Community Programs Advancing Veteran Independence and Inclusion Terence Moran, PMP Moderator:	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (45min) Beyond the Basics: the Role of Exercise in Multiple Sclerosis Management Lindsey Wooliscroft, MD, MSC, MCR; Mark Manago, PT, PhD; Izzy Abbass, MBA (45min) The Brain-Health Clinic to Prevent Cardiovascular Comorbidities Affecting the Outcome of Veterans Multiple Sclerosis Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD, Ernest Aucone, PhD, Corey-Jeanne Leibell, FNP-BC APRN Moderator:	Track 4: Palace 3-5 (90min) National Tele-ALS Clinic: Leveraging Telehealth to provide ALS Care to rural Veterans Carrie Henry, LCSW, Korren Rappisi, RRT, Beth Whittington, MD, Caitlin McKnight, SLP, Caitlin McKnight, M.Ed CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDs, Beth Whittington, MD Moderator:
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - Event Center			
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom (45min) Clinician Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Approaches for Effective Wheelchair Provision Juli Harrison, OTD, OTR/L, ATP, Rachel Hibbs, DPT, NCS, ATP/SMS (45min) The importance of support groups for persons with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Spinal Cord Injury Catherine Wilson, PsyD, ABPP, Martin Forchheimer, MPP Moderator:	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (90min) Closing the Post-Discharge Follow-Up Gap in Neurological Conditions Abigail Ruppel, PT, DPT, NCS Moderator:	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (90min) Lessons from failed therapeutic trials in multiple sclerosis John Ricker, MD; Clara Wan, MD, MPH; F Benesh, MD Moderator:	Track 4: Palace 3-5 (45min) Navigating Interdisciplinary Care: A Case Study on Formation of MS and ALS Interdisciplinary Teams Northern California Health Care System ALS and MS Interdisciplinary Teams (45min) Strengthening, Spreading, and Sustaining Age-Friendly SCI care Sunil Sabharwal, MD Moderator: