

	Sunday, August 30			
	Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk			
	Preconference Institute Track 2: Silver Ballroom	Preconference Institute Track 3: Bronze 1-4	Preconference Institute Track 4: Palace 3-5	
12:00pm - 7:00pm 1:00pm - 5:00pm	1:00pm-3:00pm (PC-261) Participatory Action Design and Engineering in Motion: Gamified Educational Interventions to Improve Access to Transportation <i>Speakers: Sangmi Park, PhD, OTR, Jorge Candiotti, PhD, Jason Raad, PhD</i> 3:00pm-5:00pm (PC-262) Power Up! Optimizing Manual Wheelchair Performance with Power-Assist and Aid-On Technologies <i>Speakers: Rachel Hibbs, PT, DPT, NCS, ATP/SMS, Lynn Worobey, PhD, DPT, ATP, Juli Harrison, OTD, OTR/L, ATP</i> <i>Moderator: April Conway, NP</i>	1:00pm-3:00pm (PC-263) SCI 101; ALS 101; MS 101: Nuts and Bolts of Understanding and Managing SCI&D from onset to throughout life <i>Speakers: Tommy Yu, MD, James Orenco, MD, PhD, Elizabeth Silbermann, MD, MCS</i> 3:00pm-5:00pm (PC-264) A Practical Framework for Progressive Strengthening After Spinal Cord Injury <i>Speaker: Abigail Ruppel, PT, DPT, NCS</i> <i>Moderator: Sivashankar Sivakanthan, PhD</i>	1:00pm-3:00pm (PC-265) In Focus: Capturing A Yearlong Photography Project for Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders <i>Speakers: Rachel Szymanski, OTR/L, ATP, Dukens Pierre, RT</i> 3:00pm-5:00pm (PC-266) Implementation and Future of Artificial Intelligence in the Veterans Health Administration <i>Speaker: Glenn Graham, MD, PhD</i> <i>Moderator: Alicia Sloan, MSW</i>	
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception - Event Center			
	Monday, August 31			
	Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk			
	Continental Breakfast - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
	Opening Remarks Robert Thomas, National President, Paralyzed Veterans of America Carl Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
8:30am - 9:30am	Opening Keynote Address (2601) From Crisis to Capability: Vision and Action in Modernizing Veteran Care Delivery Indra Sandal, PhD, MBA Chief Innovation Officer and Center Director of the National Center for Transformational Innovation at the VA Tampa Healthcare System			
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	Coffee Break - Event Center			
9:30am - 5:00pm 9:30am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom 10:30am-11:15am (2602) How to Perform the Expedited International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury <i>Speaker: Stephen Burns, MD</i> 11:15am-12:00pm (2603) Embodied Healing: Cultivating Whole-Person Care in SCI Medicine Education <i>Speaker: Felicia Skellton, MD, MS</i> <			

12:00pm - 1:30pm 12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch & Expo - Event Center Sponsor Symposium (12:00pm) Track 3: Bronze 1-4 Maxim Healthcare "In Home Private Duty Nursing for Veterans" Panel Moderator: Jason Passabet, Regional Director – Military and Federal Homecare, Maxim Healthcare Panelists: Leah Darling, LCSW, ALS Social Worker and ALS Clinic Coordinator at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center Elizabeth Fassler, U.S. Army Veteran Living with ALS Whitney Jordan, LCSW-QS, ALS Program Coordinator for the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Kellie Lanier, BSN, Chief Clinical Officer, former certification in Rehabilitative Nursing Ashley Lee, Former caregiver to her father, a Veteran who passed away from ALS Juliet Pierce, RN, Associate Director of Medical Services for Paralyzed Veterans of America			
12:15pm-1:00pm	Lunch Provided in the Room Sponsor Symposium (12:15pm) Track 2: Silver Ballroom Biogen "Evaluation and Management of Fatigue in Multiple Sclerosis" Speaker: Babak Amerian-Williams, PharmD, Senior Medical Manager - Multiple Sclerosis, Biogen			
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom 1:30pm-2:15pm (2630) Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction: Cutting Edge Care and Guidelines Update Speaker: Michael Kennelly, MD 2:15pm-3:00pm (2631) Optimizing Neurogenic Bowel Management using Transanal Irrigation: Specialized Home Educational Program with Case-Based Insights Speakers: Tommy Yu, MD, Marsha Marquez, RN Moderator: Lindsay Perlman, MPH	Track 2: Silver Ballroom 1:30pm-2:15pm (2632) Integrated Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES): Theory and Practical Applications for Clinic and Home Speakers: Colleen Connaughton, PT, DPT 2:15pm-3:00pm (2633) Low-Intensity Blood Flow Restriction to Improve Upper Limb Strength After Spinal Cord Injury Speaker: Babak Shadgan, MD, MSc Sports Med, PhD Moderator: Lauryn Wasil, OTR/L, AIT	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 1:30pm-2:15pm (2634) Beyond the Patient: Elevating Caregiver Well-Being in MS Care Systems Speakers: Bethany Ferguson, LCSW-C, Alicia Sloan, LICSW 2:15pm-3:00pm (2635) Children and youth as caregivers: Support and Interventions for Hidden Veteran Caregivers across Illness and Injury Speaker: Melinda Kavanagh,MSW, PhD Moderator: Juliet Pierce, RN	Track 4: Palace 3-5 1:30pm-1:45pm (2636) Estimating the Number of Veterans with ALS: Data from the National ALS Registry Speaker: Paul Mehta, MD 1:45pm-2:00pm (2637) Diagnostic differences between military veterans and non-veterans: data from the United States National ALS Registry Speaker: Jaime Raymond, MPH 2:00pm-2:15pm (2638) Obesity-Associated Leptin Resistance Exacerbates Neuroinflammation in Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis Speaker: Nafthmeh Abbasi Kasbi, MD 2:15pm-3:00pm (2643) Medication Use Patterns in Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Admissions and the Impact of SCI-SAFE Mnemonic Speakers: Kristen Myers, PharmD, BCPS, Daniel McPartlin, PA Moderator: Huneed Patwa , MD
3:00pm - 3:30pm 3:30pm - 5:00pm	Coffee Break - Event Center			
	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom 3:30pm-3:45pm (2640) Effects of older age and sex on axonal survival within the spinal cord after SCI Speaker: Julio C Furlan, MB, LLB, MBA, PhD, MSc, FRCPC, FAAN, FASIA 3:45pm-4:00pm (2641) Increased galectin-3 expression in muscle with heterotopic ossification following spinal cord injury Speaker: Chan Gao, MD, PhD 4:00pm-4:15pm (2642) Cognitive testing among people with spinal cord injury: accommodation solutions and implementation concerns Speaker: Manrui Zhang, PhD, MPH, MSW 4:15pm-5:00pm (2639) Closing the Gap: Hospital-in-Home Transitional Program for High-Risk Discharges in Veterans with SCI/D Speakers: Kaila Yeste, DO, Marsha Marquez, MSN-ED, RN Moderator: Kenneth Lee, MD	Track 2: Silver Ballroom 3:30pm-4:15pm (2644) Food for Thought: Self-feeding with Limited Upper Extremity Strength Speaker: Jennifer Lynn, OTR 4:15pm-5:00pm (2645) Wound Healing Reimagined: Development of a Novel Pressure Relief Surface and Evaluation by Veteran Users Speakers: Owen Flaugh, MS, Shantanu Satpute, PhD Moderator: Deirda Singleton, NP	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 3:30pm-5:00pm (2646) When Multiple Sclerosis Is Something Else: Recognizing MS Mimics in Veterans Speakers: Stacey Clardy, MD, PhD, Tammy Smith, MD, PhD, Ka-Ho Wong, MBA Moderator: Jennissa Pressley-Burgin, LCSW-QS	Track 4: Palace 3-5 3:30pm-4:15pm (2647) Interdisciplinary Assistive Technology Teams: Maximizing Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Satisfaction for Veterans Living with ALS Speakers: Laura Mellon, MS, CCC-SLP, ATP, Kaila Ott, MS, ATP, RET 4:15pm-5:00pm (2648) ALS Untangled Speakers: Ashley Lee, MS, Richard Bedlack, MD, PhD, MS Moderator: Jacob Herzog, RN
5:00pm - 6:30pm 5:15pm - 6:30pm 6:30pm-8:30pm	Poster Viewing (Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar) - Grand Ballroom Foyer VA SCI Staff Meeting in Track 1 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	(2649) Keynote Address Compassionate Care of the Veteran with ALS: the Role of Primary and Specialty Palliative Care Jerome Kurent, MD, MPH Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center			
10:00am - 2:00pm 10:00am - 10:30am 10:30am - 12:00pm	Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer Coffee Break - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom 10:30am-12:00pm (2650) Harmonizing SCI, MS and VHA Registries for Cross-System Insights on SCI Characteristics and Outcomes Speakers: Yuying Chen, MD, PhD, Jennifer Sippel, PhD, Stephen Burns, MD Moderator: Lindsay Perlman, MPH	Track 2: Silver Ballroom 10:30am-11:15am (2651) Strength in Planning: Strategies to Achieve Financial Wellness for Veterans with Life-Altering Disabilities Speakers: Genia Hochenberg, MS, CRC, Danielle Hetu, MS, CRC, CWIC, VET-C, Mary McDermid, ChSNC, ChFC, Eric Ochmanek, BA 11:15am-12:00pm (2652) Restoring Purpose on the Water: Maritime-Based Community Programs Advancing Veteran Independence and Inclusion Speaker: Terence Moran, PMP Moderator: Bill Lawson	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 10:30am-11:15am (2653) Beyond the Basics: the Role of Exercise in Multiple Sclerosis Management Speakers: Lindsey Wooliscroft, MD, MSC, MCR; Mark Manago, PT, PhD 11:15am-12:00pm (2654) The Brain-Health Clinic to Prevent Cardiovascular Comorbidities Affecting the Outcome of Veterans Multiple Sclerosis Speakers: Francesca Bagnato, MD, PhD, Ernest Aucone, PhD Moderator: Jennifer Massey	Track 4: Palace 3-5 10:30am-12:00pm (2655) National Tele-ALS Clinic: Leveraging Telehealth to provide ALS Care to rural Veterans Speakers: Carrie Henry, LCSW, Koren Rappisi, RRT, Beth Whittington, MD, Caitlin McKnight, M.Ed CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDs, Cassandra Huggar, PharmD Moderator: Jacob Herzog, RN
12:00pm - 1:30pm 1:30pm - 3:00pm	Lunch- Event Center			
	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom 1:30pm-2:15pm (2656) Clinician Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Approaches for Effective Wheelchair Provision Speakers: Juli Harrison, OTD, OTR/L, ATP, Rachel Hibbs, DPT, NCS, ATP/SHS 2:15pm-3:00pm (2657) The importance of support groups for persons with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Spinal Cord Injury Speakers: Catherine Wilson, PsyD, ABPP, Martin Forchheimer, MPP Moderator: Kenneth Lee, MD	Track 2: Silver Ballroom 1:30pm-3:00pm (2658) Closing the Post-Discharge Follow-Up Gap in Neurological Conditions Speaker: Abigail Ruppel, PT, DPT, NCS Moderator: Lauryn Wasil, OTR/L, AIT	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 1:30-3:00pm (2659) Lessons from failed therapeutic trials in multiple sclerosis Speakers: John Ricker, MD, Clara Wan, MD, MPH; F Benesh, MD Moderator: Ryan Madjos, CRRN	Track 4: Palace 3-5 1:30pm-2:15pm (2660) Navigating Interdisciplinary Care: A Case Study on Formation of MS and ALS Interdisciplinary Teams Speakers: Northern California Health Care System ALS and MS Interdisciplinary Teams 2:15pm-3:00pm (2661) Strengthening, Spreading, and Sustaining Age-Friendly SCI care Speaker: Sumit Sabharwal, MD Moderator: Jennifer Massey