



Sunday, August 30			
Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk			
12:00pm - 7:00pm			
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			
Monday, August 31			
Registration - Grand Ballroom Foyer Registration Desk			
7:00am - 8:00 am			
Continental Breakfast - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
Opening Remarks TBA, National President, Paralyzed Veterans of America Carl Blake, Chief Executive Officer, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
Keynote Address <i>Keynote Address: TBA</i>			
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:
12:00pm - 1:30pm			
Lunch - Event Center			
Expo & Poster Viewing - Event Center			
Sponsor Symposium (12:00pm) Track 3: Bronze 1-4			
First Nation Group			
Lunch Provided in the Room			
Sponsor Symposium (12:15pm) Track 2: Silver Ballroom			
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
12:00pm - 1:00pm			
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 (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) Increasing Participation in Clinical Trials Among Individuals with Disabilities Robbin Clark, RN, MSN-Ed., CCRC, Michael Kennelly, MD Moderator:	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (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) Accessibility and Air Travel Experiences Among Wheeled Mobility Device Users: Barriers by Device Type Paige Matijasich, MD, Sangmi Park, PhD, OT Moderator:	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (45min) Overview of Diagnosis and Treatment of Eye Movement Disorders in Multiple Sclerosis Alessandro Serra, MD, PhD (45min) Retinal Layers as Non-Invasive Biomarkers of Accelerated Brain Aging and Clinical Disability in Multiple Sclerosis Anza Memon, MD, FAAN Moderator:	Track 4: Palace 3-5 (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) 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 Moderator:
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Poster Viewing (Event Center) Refreshments Provided		5:15-6:45pm ALS System of Care Meeting	
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 (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 Moderator:	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (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 Moderator:	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (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 Moderator:	Track 4: Palace 3-5 (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 Moderator:
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - Event Center Poster Viewing -			
12:00pm-12:45pm	Sponsor Symposium - Track 2 - Silver Ballroom			
Lunch Provided in the Room				
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Track 1: Platinum/Gold Ballroom (45min) Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction: Cutting Edge Care and Guidelines Update Michael Kennelly, MD (45min) Optimizing Neurogenic Bowel Management using Transanal Irrigation: Specialized Home Educational Program with Case-Based Insights Tommy Yu, MD, Marsha Marquez, RN Moderator:	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (45min) Integrated Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES): Theory and Practical Applications for Clinic and Home Colleen Connaughton, PT, DPT, Laurie Magerfleisch, PT, DPT (45min) Low-Intensity Blood Flow Restriction to Improve Upper Limb Strength After Spinal Cord Injury Babak Shadgan, MD, MSc Sports Med, PhD Moderator:	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (45min) Beyond the Patient: Elevating Caregiver Well-Being in MS Care Systems Bethany Ferguson, LCSW-C, Alicia Sloan, LICSW (45min) Children and youth as caregivers: Support and Interventions for Hidden Veteran Caregivers across Illness and Injury Melinda Kavanaugh, MSW, PhD Moderator:	Track 4: Palace 3-5 (15min) Estimating the Number of Veterans with ALS: Data from the National ALS Registry Paul Mehta, MD (15min) Diagnostic differences between military veterans and non-veterans: data from the United States National ALS Registry Jaime Raymond, MPH (15min) Obesity-Associated Leptin Resistance Exacerbates Neuroinflammation in Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis Naghmeh Abbasi Kasbi, MD (45min) Closing the Gap: Hospital-in-Home Transitional Program for High-Risk Discharges in Veterans with SCI/D Kaila Yeste, DO, Marsha Marquez, MSN-ED, RN 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



5:00pm - 6:30pm	(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 Impact of SCI-SAFE Mnemonic Kristen Myers, PharmD, BCPS, Daniel McPartlin, PA Moderator:	(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+BS9:C59 Moderator:	(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:	(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:
5:15pm - 6:30pm	Poster Viewing (Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar) - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
6:30pm - 8:30pm	VA SCI Staff Meeting in Track 1, MS (MSCoE) Network of Care Meeting Track 2			
7:00am - 8:00am	PVA Healthcare Appreciation Reception - Skyview 5/6 on 26th Floor			
7:00am - 8:00am	Wednesday, September 2			
8:00am - 8:15am	Continental Breakfast - Grand Ballroom Foyer			
8:15am - 9:00am	Welcome Remarks Kenneth Lee, MD, Program Chair PVA Advocacy / Clinical Excellence Awards TBA, Paralyzed Veterans of America			
9:00am - 10:00am	() 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	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 Leibel, 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-ANCS, 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	Track 2: Silver Ballroom (90min) Closing the Post-Discharge Follow-Up Gap in Neurological Conditions Abigail Ruppel, PT, DPT, NCS	Track 3: Bronze 1-4 (90min) Lessons from failed therapeutic trials in multiple sclerosis John Ricker, MD; Clara Wan, MD, MPH; F Benesh, MD	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