Other SCI Resources

- Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) works closely with SCI Model Systems researchers to develop consumer fact sheets on a number of topics, including pressure ulcers, wheelchairs, etc. (www.msktc.org).

- Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Evidence (SCIRE) summarizes and critically reviews existing scientific literature on a broad range of rehabilitation topics (www.scireproject.com).

- National Spinal Cord Injury Association provides information, peer support and advocacy to people with SCI (www.spinalcord.org). NSCIA is the membership division of United Spinal Association (www.unitedspinal.org). United Spinal Association’s mission is to improve the quality of life of all people living with SCI. They also offer wheelchair repairs through Wheelchair Medic (www.wheelchairmedic.com).

- Paralyzed Veterans of America (www.pva.org) supports SCI research and education and has published both consumer guides and clinical practice guidelines on a diverse number of areas in SCI, including bowel and bladder management, pressure ulcers, upper limb pain, sexuality, etc.

- The Reeve Foundation Paralysis Resource Center provides comprehensive information and referral resources for people living with SCI (www.christopherreeve.org).

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 Occupational Therapy: .......... 800.248.3221, ext. 2241
 Psychological Services: ......................... 973.324.3634
 SCI Research: ..................... 800.248.3221, ext. 3567/6985
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A clinical trial is a research study designed to answer specific questions about a new treatment or new way of using current treatments. It may be difficult to tell the difference between a clinical trial and a treatment program claiming to be a clinical trial. One should be cautious of unproven treatments offered for a fee. The International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (ICORD) has produced an easy-to-read booklet addressing many of the questions people have regarding clinical trials in SCI. Experimental treatments for spinal cord injury: What you should know is available for download free at the ICORD website (ICORD.org).


Another resource is ClinicalTrials.gov, a web-based registry of clinical trials on a wide range of conditions, including spinal cord injury. ClinicalTrials.gov lists not only SCI clinical trials for interventions to improve neurological function, but also those relating to other complications associated with SCI.
Combination Therapy to Restore Lost Function after SCI
The purpose of this study is to determine the efficacy and safety of combination therapy with dalfampridine and locomotor training therapy to improve walking and other functions in people with motor incomplete SCI. Dalfampridine is a medication approved to improve walking in persons with multiple sclerosis.

Neurological Recovery after SCI
The goal of this study is to collect neurological data on persons with SCI so we can better understand recovery after injury.

Measuring Functional Activities in SCI
The purpose of this study is to better understand functional activities in individuals with SCI, how these abilities change over time, and how abilities respond to different treatment approaches.

Equity & Quality in SCI Assistive Technology
The purpose of this research study is to look at the assistive (wheelchair) technology used by individuals with SCI. The project will examine the characteristics that impact the quality of assistive technology received and the outcomes experienced by individuals with SCI.
Quality of Life in SCI
The purpose of this study is to develop a better understanding of quality of life of persons with SCI and how it changes over time.

Long-term Followup in Persons with Ventilatory-Dependent Tetraplegia Managed with Diaphragmatic Pacing Systems
The goal of this study is to determine the utilization, effectiveness, satisfaction, durability and safety of the Diaphragm Pacing System.

Impact of Blood Pressure on Health & Quality of Life
The purpose of this research study is to develop a set of questions that will help us understand the effects of blood pressure problems on overall quality of life in the SCI population.

Collaboration on Mobility Training (COMIT) The goal of this multi-center clinical trial is to improve manual wheelchair skills and minimize manual and power wheelchair breakdowns in people with SCI through structured training programs.

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