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State of the Science Research Meeting

In October 2006, the American Burn Association, Veterans Administration, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Department of Defense, and the National Institute of

General Medical Sciences hosted the State of the Science (SOS) Burn Research Conference. At this meeting, current and future research priorities were identified concerning many issues - inhalation injury, resuscitation,

nutrition, wound healing, scarring, emotional health, community integration, and reconstructive surgery. In the next several issues of this newsletter, we will share findings from this conference.

Burn Injury Information Group

Our support group for those injured and recovering from a burn injury continues to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month

from 7-8:30pm in the 8th floor conference room, East Hospital at Harborview Medical Center. This group is open to all burn survivors

and their families. Upcoming meeting dates include: March 15, April 19, May 17, 2007. This meeting is available free of charge.

Future Research: Survivor Perspective

At the SOS Burn Research Conference, we heard from all members of the burn care team, to include a panel of burn survivors who provided their perspective on the current state and future of burn research. From this panel, we learned that future research priorities should include -

- Working together to develop studies that look more closely at currently used psychological interventions.
- Improvements in the management of facial disfigurement due to burn injuries.
- A study of the effectiveness of burn rehabilitation programs.

- Development and study of programs that concern the transition from hospital to home.
- Development of effective educational programs that focus on the psychological recovery and social/community reintegration for burn survivors.

The information shared by the burn survivors at this conference is key to our efforts in burn rehabilitation research. Future research proposals must consider these priorities to ensure that we are meeting the needs of those we serve and their families.

Research Update

There are many groups of people who have a vested interest in the future research to be done at the University of Washington Burn Center at Harborview Medical Center. We call these groups, "stakeholders", and we know that each stakeholder group will likely differ in their perspective on what questions need to be answered. In addition, each group will differ as to the most preferred method in which to communicate and receive new findings (e.g, written handouts, web-based reports, journal publications). In this issue, we have listed the priorities from a panel of burn survivors. We recognize that the research needs of family members, employers, governmental agencies, and healthcare practitioners in the community may be different. Each is important as we go forward in planning the next phase of research in burn rehabilitation.

Did You Know?

A working smoke detector in the home is one of the most effective methods of burn injury prevention. Changing the batteries with daylight savings time is recommended.

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