SCI-ISIG MISSION

The mission of the SCI-ISIG is to advance the field of SCI rehabilitation and research by providing opportunities for professional development, advocating for standards of practice and research, and supporting a forum for interdisciplinary and international exchange.

ABOUT SCI-ISIG

At the ACRM Annual Conference in October 2009, the eight-year-old Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Networking Group was recognized by the ACRM Board of Governors as the SCI Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (SCI-ISIG). Started by Sue Ann Sisto in 2001, the group is now comprised of interdisciplinary professionals who desire to improve the educational and networking opportunities for ACRM membership in SCI medicine, rehabilitation and research, and to advance clinical practice to improve the lives of people with SCI.

SCI-ISIG MEMBER BENEFITS

Provide opportunities to:

- Plan and co-present educational content at the ACRM Annual Conference
- Participate in task force projects to pursue interests and advance the field
- Network with potential mentors, collaborators, funders and employers
- Engage colleagues across medical disciplines
- Collaborate on research
- Gain recognition for your contributions to the field and to ACRM
- Participate in team publishing to build your CV
- Gain leadership experience
- Meet pioneers in the field of rehabilitation research
- Disseminate your translational research for use in clinical practice
- Experience outstanding peer-to-peer learning
- Inform best practices to IMPROVE LIVES
Work of the SCI-ISIG is carried out by various task forces, which promote cutting-edge research, establish standards of care in SCI rehabilitation, and offer an interdisciplinary forum for development of state-of-the-art rehabilitation practice. SCI-ISIG task forces include:

**FUNCTIONAL ELECTRICAL STIMULATION (FES) TASK FORCE**
CHAIR: Therese Johnston, PT, PhD, MBA, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy, Thomas Jefferson University

**SECONDARY COMPLICATIONS AND AGING TASK FORCE**
CHAIR: Jeanne Zanca, PhD, MPT, Senior Research Scientist, Kessler Foundation

**FITNESS AND WELLNESS TASK FORCE**
CHAIR: Nick Evans, MHS, ACSM-CES, ACSM-HFS, Clinical Exercise Physiologist, Shepherd Center

**WOMEN’S HEALTH TASK FORCE**
CHAIR: Heather Taylor, PhD, Director for Spinal Cord Injury Research, TIRR Memorial Hermann

**DUAL DIAGNOSIS: TBI IN SCI TASK FORCE**
CHAIR: Linda Isaac, PhD, Director, Rehabilitation Research Center, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, Clinical Assistant Professor, Stanford University, School of Medicine

For the latest task forces, chairs and contact details go to: [www.ACRM.org/sci](http://www.ACRM.org/sci)

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— Yuying Chen, MD, PhD
GET INVOLVED...

**RESEARCH**
- Advance SCI research and promote research collaboration
- Establish an interdisciplinary research agenda
- Promote translation of evidence to enhance clinical expertise and practice

**CLINICAL CARE**
- Conduct state-of-the-art reviews of practice in spinal cord care
- Enhance competencies of an interdisciplinary team member in SCI rehabilitation

**EDUCATION**
- Participate in continuing education offerings specific to the interests of SCI researchers and clinicians
- Plan an educational course for the ACRM Annual Conference, *Progress in Rehabilitation Research (PIRR)*
- Develop and receive informational and instructional media

“I feel fortunate to be a part of the ACRM community and grateful for the many opportunities it provides for leadership, professional growth, and collaboration.”
— Jeanne M. Zanca, PhD, MPT
Senior Research Scientist, Kessler Foundation

“ACRM is a home where I can combine clinical interests with my research and interact with people who are making decisions about rehab research”
— Deborah Backus, PT, PhD, FACRM, ACRM President-Elect, Shepherd Center, Atlanta, GA
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**NONSTOP CONTENT**

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**ACRM Annual Conference**

**PROGRESS IN REHABILITATION RESEARCH**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY**

**EDUCATION > NETWORKING > PAPERS > POSTERS > EXPO > FRIENDSHIPS**

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