

SCI-ISIG



SPINAL CORD
INJURY



INTERDISCIPLINARY
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The mission of ACRM is to enhance the lives of people with disabilities through an interdisciplinary approach to rehabilitation, and to promote rehabilitation research and its application in clinical practice.

The SCI-ISIG advances the field of spinal cord injury 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.



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Improving lives through
interdisciplinary rehabilitation research



HOW IS THE SCI-ISIG ORGANIZED?

CHAIR: Deborah Backus, PT, PhD

CHAIR-ELECT: Susan Charlifue, PhD, FACRM

SECRETARY: Therese Johnston, PT, PhD, MBA

TREASURER: Yuying Chen, MD, PhD

SCI-ISIG TASK FORCES

Work of the SCI-ISIG is carried out by its 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 SCI rehabilitation practice. SCI-ISIG task forces include:

CAREGIVING AND SOCIAL SUPPORT TASK FORCE

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FUNCTIONAL ELECTRICAL STIMULATION (FES) TASK FORCE

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SECONDARY COMPLICATIONS AND AGING TASK FORCE

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FITNESS AND WELLNESS TASK FORCE

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WOMEN'S HEALTH TASK FORCE

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN AN SCI-ISIG TASK FORCE?

- ◆ Networking and engaging with SCI rehabilitation colleagues who share your passion and challenges
- ◆ Gaining recognition for your contributions to the field and to ACRM
- ◆ Increasing opportunities to publish your work
- ◆ Meeting pioneers in the field, mentors, and potential research collaborators
- ◆ Advancing the field by helping to translate and disseminate cutting-edge research into clinical guidelines and practice
- ◆ Experiencing outstanding peer-to-peer learning
- ◆ Having opportunities to take a leadership role in ACRM and boost your CV
- ◆ Advancing evidence-based clinical practices for improved outcomes

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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*
- ◆ Develop and receive informational and instructional media



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HOW TO JOIN THE SCI-ISIG

BECOME AN ACRM MEMBER!

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NON-MEMBERS may choose to join ONLY the SCI-ISIG at the non-renewable introductory membership rate of \$95 for a two-year period. This offer exclusively permits first-time members to participate in the SCI-ISIG and does not include any of the benefits of full membership, such as a subscription to the ACRM scientific journal, *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. ACRM full membership is required to continue affiliation with the SCI-ISIG after the 2-year introductory period expires.

ALREADY AN ACRM MEMBER? Become involved in an SCI-ISIG task force by contacting Debbie Backus, SCI-ISIG Chair at Deborah_Backus@shepherd.org, or the chair of the task force of interest

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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