

Northwest Regional Burn Model System

UW Medicine Regional Burn Center
at Harborview Medical Center
Seattle, Washington



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Newsletter

What's New?

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The 46th Annual Meeting of the American Burn Association. To learn more about this educational opportunity, go to:
<http://www.ameriburn.org/46thAnnualMeeting.php>

NWRBMS investigators will be presenting their research findings concerning web-based employment resources, outpatient management, and the impact of amputation on burn rehabilitation and employment.

January –
April 2014

Join us on our social media outlets



A New Resource for Regaining Employment Postburn

To advance our long-term efforts of facilitating return to work, we have utilized Internet technology and developed a web-based resource. The target audience for this project includes burn survivors, family members, employers, medical professionals, insurance case managers, third-party payers, Worker's Compensation and vocational rehabilitation agency personnel. This new site can be accessed at:

<http://bumrehab.washington.edu/work>

Tell us what you think – email us at NWRBMS@uw.edu.

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Return to Work After Burn Injury

Welcome!

Returning to work is an important phase of recovery after burn injury. Working has many rewards besides income—it can give you a sense of purpose and confidence, provide social opportunities, help your physical and emotional recovery, and improve your overall quality of life and sense of well-being.

Now that you are thinking about returning to work there are many issues to consider. This website is a tool to help you think about, get ready for and return to or find a work situation that is comfortable for you.



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An aerial photograph of Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA

The UW Medicine Regional Burn Center is located on the 8th and 9th floors of the hospital

Employment Postburn Video

As part of our commitment and effort to maximize employment opportunities postburn, we have worked with the Model System Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) on the development of a video titled, “Returning to Employment Following Burn Injury”.

This video is in the final stages of production and features a young man who was treated at Harborview Medical Center in 1996 following a significant flame injury. Several NWRBMS investigators as well as others from the UW Medicine Regional Burn Center are

interviewed and speak to the challenges that some survivors face as they return to work after hospital discharge.

This video will serve two purposes – one as an educational resource for individuals and medical professionals and secondly as an inspiration to those injured in the future.

We are looking forward to debuting this new video at the 46th Annual American Burn Association meeting in Boston. Following the debut, the video will be available for viewing from several websites, including the MSKTC site at:

<http://www.msktc.org/burn>

In addition, the Burn Model Systems grantees, in conjunction with the MSKTC, have produced a series of consumer factsheets. One of these factsheets concerns employment after a burn injury. Factsheets are developed based on current research and then consumer-tested to ensure applicability. The employment factsheet can be accessed at <http://www.msktc.org/burn/factsheets/Employment-After-Burn-Injury>

A Spanish translation is available at http://www.msktc.org/lib/docs/Factsheets/Spanish_Factsheets/Burn_Employment_Sp.pdf

Visit our website at <http://burnrehab.washington.edu/>

Fireplace Safety Tips



Use only dry seasoned wood in wood stoves or fireplaces.

If your fireplace has a glass protective screen – be aware that the glass can be very hot on contact.

Have your chimney inspected by a professional once a year and have it cleaned if necessary.