



## Northwest Regional Burn Model System

Fall 2020

### New Fellows Join UW Medicine Regional Burn Center



Cliff Sheckter MD (pictured left) found his passion in burns a decade ago as a medical student at LA County+USC. He completed his plastic surgery residency at Stanford where he was active in the burn center at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. His research interests include understanding how reconstructive surgery can improve the lives of burn survivors. He is also interested in health economics and how financial systems influence outcomes in burn survivors. In his free time, he enjoys exploring life with his wife and twin 4 year old boys.

John McClellan MD (pictured right) completed medical school at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD in 2013. Before completing his general surgery residency at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA, he had commissioned into the United States Army in 2009. John is part of a military-civilian collaboration that allows military physicians to work in high-volume and high-acuity centers, which he started in Fall 2019. He recently returned from deployment to begin his burn fellowship here at the UW Medicine Regional Burn Center. His research interests include trauma and burn care in austere prehospital environments.

Welcome to our 2020/2021 Surgical Critical Care Burn Fellows!

### New Delirium Factsheet Available

This year the Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) released a new factsheet about delirium after burn injury. Delirium is defined as a 'disturbance in mental abilities that causes confused thinking and reduced awareness of one's environment.' Symptoms include:

- Reduced awareness of the environment
- Poor thinking skills
- Changes in behavior
- Emotional disturbances or changes

The care team screens patients daily to identify delirium. This factsheet can be accessed [here](#). Other factsheets and resources about living with burn injury can be found online at [msktc.org/burn](http://msktc.org/burn).

## PHOENIX WORLD BURN CONGRESS

The Phoenix Society is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1977 and dedicated to empowering the burn community. Along with other resources and programs, the Phoenix Society hosts the World Burn Congress (WBC) each fall. The WBC is an opportunity for burn survivors, their loved ones, and healthcare professionals to connect and share their stories. This year's WBC will be virtual, as the in-person conference has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The virtual conference will be held from October 23-25, 2020. A link to the WBC can be found [here](#). Registration and more information are available online at [phoenix-society.org](http://phoenix-society.org).



## Burn Nursing Recognized as a Nursing Specialty

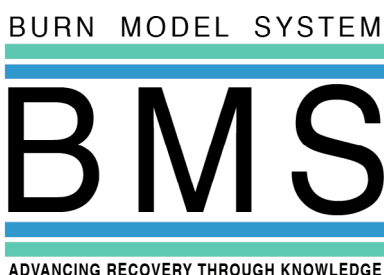
This past August, the American Nurses Association (ANA) recognized burn nursing as a nursing specialty. This recognition comes following the submission of a new resource, *Burn Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice* that details burn nursing and references the NIDILRR-funded Burn Model System (BMS) National Database (NDB). In response, Dr. Cate Miller, NIDILRR Rehabilitation Program Specialist, stated "The side-by-side reference of the BMS NDB with the American Burn Association National Burn Repository as two of the largest burn injury databases is not only a truth, but an important acknowledgement of the value of the BMS NDB for the field. The description of the NDB nicely highlights the unique role that the BMS NDB serves... understanding long-term outcomes of persons with burn injury." The official press release can be found [here](#).



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### Safety Tips to Prevent Injury:

- Cooler weather is coming - take care when drinking hot liquids and do not hold young children with an open hot drink container.
- A working smoke detector reduces the chance of dying in a house fire by 50%.
- Take care when outside, there are over 50 large uncontained fires burning across the West Coast.



### Visit us online and social media

The NWRBMS maintains an active social media presence on both Facebook and Twitter. To follow/join us on Facebook, search "Northwest Regional Burn Model System". From Twitter, search "@NWRBMS" or go to <https://twitter.com/nwrpbms>.

Please visit our website for more information:  
[burnrehab.washington.edu](http://burnrehab.washington.edu)

