

NWRBMS Receives NIDILRR Funding



Congratulations to all recipients of the recent Burn Model System (BMS) funding from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). Photographed are members of the four BMS grantees: the Northwest Regional BMS (PI: Barclay Stewart MD), Boston-Harvard Burn Injury Model System (PI: Jeffrey Schneider MD), Southern California BMS (PI: Haig Yenikomshian MD), and North Texas Burn Rehabilitation Center (PI: Karen Kowalske MD) and NIDILRR colleagues. These four centers were funded for a 5-year cycle that began September 1, 2022.

Members of the NWRBMS team (photographed above) include Barclay Stewart, Gretchen Carrougher, and Caitlin Orton. We are grateful to our Consumer Advisory Board members and consultants who guided us in the development of our research application.

NWRBMS PROJECT: ReBUILD

We recently began our project, *Increasing representation and building capacity for research and rehabilitation with people experiencing homelessness (PEH) and burn injury (ReBuild)*. The goals of ReBuild are to identify and implement best practices for the enrollment and retention of PEH in longitudinal research, increase representation of this group in BMS database and NWRBMS Consumer Advisory Board (CAB), and identify and evaluate interventions that improve the quality of life of PEH after burn injury. Homelessness, particularly living unsheltered, is strongly associated with burn injury risk, sustaining more severe burn injury, and experiencing complicated recovery (e.g., greater disability, more recovery needs, less access to rehabilitation services). Read more about this project on our [NWRBMS website](#).

MEET DEVIN GASKINS, 4TH YEAR UW MEDICAL STUDENT



You may have talked with our student research assistant, Devin Gaskins this past year. Devin joined us early in 2022 and has been a successful and productive member of our research team. He has helped with BMS study enrollment, participant interviews, research data analysis, and has written several abstracts that were accepted to the 2023 ABA annual conference. Devin plans to return to his medical studies in March 2023 and we wish him well. Thank you, Devin, for a job well done!

Frostbite Prevention and First Aid



In collaboration with the UW Burn Center, Caitlin Orton (NWRBMS research coordinator) is leading efforts to determine important and relevant frostbite prevention and first aid information to those who are unhoused. With UW IRB approval, Caitlin will be interviewing people who are experiencing homelessness to determine their preferences in educational materials and dissemination methods. Individual interviews and group discussions will occur in-house (at HMC) and at sites in Seattle. Ultimately, Caitlin hopes to have consumer-driven materials that can be used by hospital personnel, Respite colleagues, and shelter counselors to prevent and treat frostbite.

Holiday Trimmings Can be Flammable!

- Use battery-operated candles (December is the peak time of year for home candle fires)
- Ensure that all flammable holiday decorations are at least 3 feet away from any heat source (fireplace, space heaters, candles)
- Dispose of dry trimmings

BURN MODEL SYSTEM

BMS

ADVANCING RECOVERY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

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