PROGRAM OF RESEARCH

The Health, Employment, and Longevity Project is an internationally recognized 40-year program of research focused on promoting health, employment, and longevity after disability from neurologic conditions. Currently funded projects include: spinal cord injury (SCI), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and multiple sclerosis (MS).

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

National Medtronic Courage Award

The National Courage Award is given to someone who is an example of leadership, innovation, determination or advocacy in the disability community. Dr. James Krause was the first rehabilitation or biomedical researcher to ever receive this award (2011). Previous recipients of this award include two US State Senators, Robert Dole and Max Cleland, Physicist, Stephen Hawking, Author, Joni Eareckson Tada, and Activists, Christopher Reeve and Ed Roberts (Father of the Independent Living Movement).

FUNDING

• Since 2002, our team has received 21 grants with a total grant funding of $20,461,476. Of those, 19 are federal grants totaling $18,412,292.

PRODUCTIVITY

• Since 1973, we have conducted over 13,000 assessments with nearly 5,000 participants from 47 states.
• Over 150 manuscripts published in refereed journals with over 2,000 citations.
CURRENT FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Health & Longevity
- Promotion of Health Outcomes among Underserved Populations with TBI and SCI. (5-year, Center Grant)
- Risk and Prevention of Secondary Health Conditions after SCI. (5-year, Center Grant)
- Aging and SCI: A 40-Year Longitudinal Study. (3-year, Investigator Initiated)
- Chronic Health Conditions and SCI. (3-year, Investigator Initiated)
- Risk of Excess Mortality and Causes of Death after SCI. (3-year, Investigator Initiated)

Employment
- Enhancing Quality Employment throughout the Work Life Cycle after SCI. (5-year, Center Grant)
- Successful Employment and Quality Work Life after Multiple Sclerosis. (5-year project)
- Job Retention versus Job Acquisition in the first 10 Years after SCI. (5-year project)

OTHER AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Awards for Outstanding Manuscripts
- Risk of subsequent injuries after SCI (NARRTC, 2011)
- Obtaining employment after spinal cord injury: Relationship with pre- and post-injury education (ARCA, 2010)
- Health and risk of mortality after spinal cord injury (ASIA, 2009)
- Pain interference and the relationship of independence in ambulation with depressive symptoms (NARRTC, 2007)
- Disparities in earnings after spinal cord injury (ASIA, 2007)

OTHER RECENT AWARDS
- NARRTC Distinguished Service Award (2012)
- Developing Scholar of the Year (2010)
- SCI Hall of Fame Inductee (Lee Saunders, 2008)
- Patricia McCollom Memorial Research Award (2008)

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