Congratulations

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Department of Defense Grant "Perspectives on Recovery and Interventions to Restore Function Across the First Year of Spinal Cord Injury"

The Cleveland FES Center congratulates FES investigators, Kim Anderson, PhD, Anne Bryden, OTR/L, and Mary Ann Richmond, MD. The U.S. Department of Defense awarded more than $800,000 to study the experiences and needs of Veterans and civilians with spinal cord injuries during the first year of recovery as they attempt to reintegrate into the community.

The three-year study — called the "Perspectives on Recovery and Interventions to Restore Function Across the First Year of Spinal Cord Injury" — is a partnership between MetroHealth Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, the United Spinal Association Northeast Ohio Chapter and the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

The experiences of 15 Veterans with SCI and their caregivers will be compared to civilians and their caregivers to identify obstacles and barriers experienced while navigating treatment options. Participants will be interviewed by researchers shortly after injury, and again at 6 and 12 months with the goal of learning what recovery means to each of them.

The interdisciplinary team includes Kim Anderson, PhD, Anne Bryden, OTR/L, Sue Hinze, PhD, Brian Gran, PhD, Mary Ann Richmond, MD and Angela Kuemmel, PhD, ABPP.

About the FES Center
The Cleveland FES Center is a consortium of the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, MetroHealth Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals, and the Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute. With their support, researchers, engineers and clinicians collaborate together to develop innovative solutions that improve the quality of life of individuals with neurological or other muscular skeletal impairments. Through the use of neurostimulation and neuromodulation research and applications, the Cleveland FES Center leads the translation of this technology into clinical deployment.

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