



THE SPINAL CORD WORKSHOP

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Spinal Cord Injury: What Are The Barriers To Cure?

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A one-day workshop to bring together world leaders in neurosurgery, neurology and basic science, to identify current barriers and solutions to restoring spinal cord function following injury.

The goal of the workshop is to bring together medical and scientific expertise to identify barriers to reversal of the neurologic damage that follows spinal cord injury, and describe what is needed to overcome those barriers. The emerging field of stem cell therapy may hold special promise, but specifics about cell differentiation, method of delivery and outcome measures need to be developed. The leaders in the field need the support and collaboration necessary to realize the potential for spinal cord injury cures that now exists.

The workshop will produce a "facts and needs" position paper for education and emphasis on specific resources necessary to cure spinal cord injury -- sooner rather than later.

Workshop Faculty

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Invited Panel of Experts

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Professor and Vice Chairman for Research, Department of
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Christopher Shields, MD, PhD

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Location

March 29, 2008

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Paul D. Coverdell Center

500 D.W. Brooks Drive, Room 175, Athens, GA 30602-7394
(off the foyer first door to the left)

Register Online at:

<http://www.bedfordresearch.org/spinalworkshop>
The registration fee is \$35.00 per person.

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