

Session 6: “What are the confounding factors that distort accurate interpretation of trial findings?”

Discussion Questions:

1. Following SCI does an “enriched activity environment” promote recovery and function?
2. What part does “rehabilitation” play in plasticity and recovery—with or without an intervention?
 - Discussion will include evidence for effectiveness of rehabilitation in CNS recovery.
 - Will also review previously raised issue on whether rehabilitation/therapy potentiates the neuro-recovery effect of an intervention post SCI—acutely OR chronically.
 - A summary of other factors that may impact trial findings will be presented for information only and to include:
 - Medical and surgical care
 - Concomitant injuries
 - Post-injury ICU management such as medications, spinal cord perfusion pressure, etc