

Welcome to the Spring 2025 issue of SCIRE Insider

## Celebrating 20 Years of SCIRE!



On our 20th Anniversary, we asked the SCIRE Executive Team:

"How has SCI research/treatment/rehabilitation changed or evolved in the last 20 years? What do you think has driven SCIRE's success?"

Here's what they had to say:



Dr. Janice Eng, PhD | SCIRE Co-PI

Evidence in SCI has evolved tremendously over the last 20 years; instead of case reports or small pre-post studies, we are now seeing more randomized controlled trials (RCTs), and even multi-site RCTs. I believe SCIRE's success has been due to our large and dedicated volunteer team of researchers, clinicians, and people with SCI who are passionate about ensuring the evidence is readily available for all. SCIRE has done well in adapting to keep ahead of the field; our longevity has also been due to incredible support from our funders – Praxis Spinal Cord Institute, ICORD, and the Rick Hansen Foundation – who always trusted us to get things done.



#### Dr. Bob Teasell, MD | SCIRE Co-PI

SCI rehabilitation has seen: 1) a shift to older populations and a greater percentage of nontraumatic injuries, 2) the introduction of new technologies, 3) a shift in models of care to shorter inpatient stays and more support in the community, and 4) the greater role of people with SCI in care planning and research. Success and longevity are two different things... success comes with a good plan and good people to operationalize those plans; longevity has come from highly engaged stakeholders who have continued to be willing to drive that success.



## Dr. Andrea Townson, MD | Vancouver Coastal Health

I remember presenting our work and taking copies of our first edition of SCIRE to research meetings. It was a large spiral bound printed book and we had CDs that people could use as well. Seeing it grow into the go-to online reference for clinicians and health professionals with ongoing updates has been a wonderful evolution. SCIRE Community has been an excellent addition as a resource for people with lived experience and their families and care providers.



# Dr. Vanessa Noonan, PhD | Director of Research, Praxis Spinal Cord Institute

I have really enjoyed working on SCIRE starting when I was a graduate student and then in my role at Praxis. Compared to 20 years ago, care is now much more person-centered and there is focus on removing silos... SCIRE is a tremendous resource that has grown over 20 years and is well recognized as a place to get the best evidence in Canada and internationally.

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