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(Medium close-up shot of Rick Hansen. In the bottom left corner, the words “Rick Hansen” above the words “Founder & CEO, Rick Hansen Foundation” appear.)

Hi, I’m Rick Hansen and I’d like to welcome you to this virtual information site dedicated to taking spinal cord injury research information and make it into plain language that you can understand and make good choices from.

(Scrolling down the main page of SCIRE Community.)

(Return to medium close-up shot of Rick Hansen.)

We call it the Spinal Cord Injury Research Evidence Community or the SCIRE Community.

Over the past three decades, I’ve been dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities and, of course, helping so many people with spinal cord injuries by establishing the Rick Hansen Institute, which is a global network of collaboration.

(Rick Hansen pushes his wheelchair through a crowd of people.)

(Rick Hansen hugs a woman on stage, then raises her hand in front of a crowd of people and the media.)

(A woman on her wheelchair exits the Blusson Spinal Cord Center.)

(A close-up of a set of rear wheelchair wheels.)

(A man makes a transfer from his wheelchair to a bed in front of a standing man.)

During this time, I’ve had a chance to be able to speak with and meet thousands of people living with spinal cord injury about their personal experiences.

(A woman performs body weight supported treadmill training with another woman at the controls.)

(A close-up of the woman’s knees.)

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And the one thing that I know from that experience is that I’ve heard consistently that people are having challenges finding quality information about spinal cord injury care.

There is so much conflicting information out there. It's hard to know just what sources you can trust.

That's why on behalf of the Rick Hansen Foundation, I'm pleased to support the SCIRE Community, a new web resource that connects people to information that's based on the latest scientific research.

(A cursor hovers over the main menu bar on the SCIRE Community homepage.)

This is brought to you by an experienced team of scientists and clinicians with the input of the spinal cord injury community. This new resource is written in everyday language and designed with the community in mind.

(A woman pushes a man on a wheelchair.)

(A woman on her wheelchair points to the garden with another woman following behind.)

(A woman holds a wheelchair while a man uses forearm crutches to push off from the wheelchair.)

(Return to medium close-up shot of Rick Hansen.)

So, whether you are a person living with a spinal cord injury, a family member, a friend, a caregiver, SCIRE is the online source for information and research evidence on spinal cord injury.

I hope that you'll take this time, right now, to explore this resource and share it with your community. I wish you the best of health and never ever give up on your dreams.

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