

Michael Dunn, Ph.D.

Michael died suddenly 8/5/21 as he was being discharged at Stanford where he had been treated for a UTI. Although he was in a hospital and intervention was swift, he could not be revived.

Michael was President of PSWC for 1989-90. He received the Essie Morgan Excellence Award (now called The Essie Morgan Lecture) in 1998.

Michael was enrolled in an experimental psychology graduate program when he suffered a SCI in a motorcycle accident. He switched to clinical psychology after being inspired by a rehabilitation psychologist during his own rehabilitation.

With this dual academic background, he became a leader in SCI Psychology and authored and co-authored many journal articles including:



Some Published contributions 1975-2015:

Dunn, M. E. (1975) Psychological intervention in a spinal cord injury center. *Rehabilitaiton Psychology*, 22(4), 165-178.

Dunn, M. E. & Herman, S. H. (1982). Social skills and physical disability. In D. M. Doleys et al. (eds): *Behavioral Medicine Assessment and Treatment Strategies*, 117-144. NY: Springer.

Dunn, M. E. (1992). Social relationships and interpersonal skills: A guide for people with sensory and physical limitations. In: C. Perry Zejdlink (ed.) *Management of spinal cord injury*, 645-659. NY: Jones and Bartlett.

Dunn, M. E., Sommer, N. & Gambina, H. (1992). A practical guide to team functioning in spinal cord injury rehabilitation. In: C. Zejdlink (ed.) *Management of spinal cord injury*. NY: Jones and Bartlett.

Dunn, M. E.; Umlauf, Rl. L. & Mermins, B. J. (1992) The rehabilitation situations inventory: Staff perception of difficult behavioral situations in rehabilitation. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 73(4), 316-319.

Irvin, J. E., Bowers, C. A., Dunn, M. E., & Wang, M. C. (1999). Efficacy of relapse prevention: A meta-analytic review. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 67(4), 563–570. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0022-006X.67.4.563>

Weingardt, K. R., Hsu, J., & Dunn, M. E. (2001). Brief screening for psychological and substance abuse disorders in veterans with long-term spinal cord injury. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 46(3), 271–278. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0090-5550.46.3.271>

Dunn, M. E. & Kuhn, E. (2005). Contributing in interdisciplinary team rounds in the rehabilitation setting: A student guide. 2005. *SCI Psychosocial Processes*, 3.

Dunn, M. E. (2015). Providing culturally competent supervision to trainees with disabilities in rehabilitation settings. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 58(3), 233-244.

Michael wrote, directed and acted in one scene in an early 1980s patient education **video: *Psychosocial adaptation to SCI***, along with a discussion guide.

Michael was a valued mentor and friend to many in ASCIP. He collected a **massive library of cartoons** for his many podium presentations that he shared daily on the Division 22 list serve, and separately, for a few years after he retired from the **Palo Alto VA SCI Service**. Michael began his career at Palo Alto VA approximately **1973 and retired about 2005**. After retirement, he continued to consult on various research projects around the country. He also took classes and pursued hobbies despite a few medical setbacks related to tetraplegia.

THANK YOU Michael for being such a dynamic, energetic, motivated contributor to the field of Spinal Cord Injury as a Rehabilitation Psychologist, Researcher, and Mentor, and other domains you certainly influenced. You are a great model for all of us, in many ways.