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### **Methodist Hospital receives grants to expand spinal cord research**

A multi-million dollar grant from the United States Department of Defense will allow six hospital centers, including Houston's Methodist Neurological Institute, to expand a spinal cord injury research network created by the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

The North American Clinical Trials Network was organized by the Christopher Reeve Foundation to bring promising therapies for spinal cord injury from the laboratory to clinical trials in an effective manner with maximum safety to patients undergoing treatment for their spinal cord injury.

"For decades, we've medically managed spinal cord injuries, but we need effective therapies and new surgical approaches," said Dr. Robert Grossman, chair of neurosurgery at The Methodist Hospital and co-founder and director of the Methodist Neurological Institute. "We know that SCI therapies are on the horizon, and our goal is to bring those treatments to our patients."

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston is also participating in the research effort.

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