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Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC) Experts

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Jerry C. Parker, Ph.D., clinical professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the MU School of Medicine and the director of the Behavioral Health Service Line at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital. Parker is the director of Research Projects and principal investigator for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC).

Willard Downs, Ph.D., is program chair for the Agricultural Systems Management Program in Food Science and Engineering Unit at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He serves as Unit Extension Program Leader for Unit Extension Programs. Downs, principal investigator for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC), is conducting a study on arthritis prevention and self-management for migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Kristofer Hagglund, Ph.D., is the associate dean for Health Policy and Professor of Health Psychology at the MU School of Medicine. He serves as director of the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC) Capacity Building, Dissemination and Health Policy Projects. Hagglund, co-principal investigator for MARRTC, is conducting a study of reducing disability for persons with arthritis in rural America.

John Hewett, Ph.D., is the director of Biostatistics at the MU School of Medicine. Hewett is the senior biostatistics adviser for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC), and Principal Investigator for Project 5, involving capacity building for consumers of disability research.

Brick Johnstone, Ph.D., American Board of Professional Psychology, is a professor and chair of the Department of Health Psychology. Johnstone is a principal investigator for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research Training Center (MARRTC) is studying worksite (VR) vocational rehabilitation intervention to improve employment outcomes for persons with arthritis.

Marian Minor, P.T., Ph.D., is an associate professor and chair of Physical Therapy in the MU School of Health Professions, and director of Research and Graduate Studies. Minor is co-principal investigator for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC), and she is principal investigator on the study researching exercise and physical fitness for persons with osteoarthritis of the knee.

Laura Schopp, Ph.D., American Board of Professional Psychology, is a board-certified neuropsychologist specializing in

adult neuro-psychology and rehabilitation psychology. She is an assistant professor in the MU Department of Health Psychology, and conducts research on traumatic brain injury, tele-rehabilitation and disability informatics. Schopp, a principal investigator for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research Training Center (MARRTC), will conduct a state-of-the-science conference on "Reducing Disability for Persons with Arthritis in Rural America.

Gordon Sharp, M.D., senior science adviser for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC), is Curator's Professor Emeritus. He has been Einbender Distinguished Professor of Internal Medicine and Pathology, director of the Antinuclear Antibody Laboratory, and director of the Central Missouri Regional Arthritis Center (CEMRAC)

Karen Smarr, Ph.D., is the Human Research Compliance Officer at Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia, Mo. She is also a clinical assistant professor of Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry at the MU School of Medicine. Smarr, principal investigator for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC), is conducting a study of an online self-management program for older adults with rheumatoid arthritis.

Sara E. Walker, M.D., is a professor of Internal Medicine at the MU School of Medicine. She is co-investigator for the Missouri Arthritis Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (MARRTC). Walker has served as director of the MU Fellowship Program in Immunology and Rheumatology. She has 94 research publications in peer-reviewed journals, 23 reviews and book chapters, 23 clinical

publications and 102 abstracts. She has authored 29 papers with Internal Medicine residents and Rheumatology fellows.

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Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City, NY. www.hss.edu

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Community Resources/Educational Programs

Regional Arthritis Centers (RACs) in Missouri (offer support groups, educational materials and exercise programs and physical activities)

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American Academy of Pediatrics,
www.aap.org (for information or quotes on Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis)

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Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – Rockville, MD. Federal agency that promotes research into and work on quality in health care. (301) 594-1364. <http://www.ahrq.gov>. **Contact:** Karen Migdail, director of communications. (301) 594-6120. Kmigdail@ahrq.gov.

Alliance for Health Reform – Washington, D.C. Not-for-profit that organizes forums in Washington and around the nation; briefs reporters, editorial writers and producers on health policy debates in Washington and how they affect local citizens. Edward F. Howard, executive vice president. (202) 466-5626. <http://www.allhealth.org>. **Contact:** Bill Erwin, communications director. (202) 789-2300. billerwin@allhealth.org.

American Accreditation HealthCare Commission – Washington, D.C. Non-profit organization that establishes standards for the health care industry. Accredits HMOs and utilization review firms. (202) 216-9010. <http://www.urac.org>. **Contact:** Guy D'Andrea, press contact. (202) 216-9010 ext. 16.

American Association of Health Plans – Washington, DC. Represents more than

1,000 plans that provide coverage for approximately 150 million Americans. Member plans include health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations and utilization review organizations. (202) 778-3200. <http://www.aahp.org>. **Contact:** Susan Pisano, vice president of communications. (202) 778-3245.

American Health Quality Association – Washington, D.C. Trade group of 39 peer review organizations that contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to monitor care received by Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid recipients in managed care organizations and fee-for-service settings. (202) 331-5790. <http://www.ahqa.org>. **Contact:** Richard Deutsch, director of communications. (202) 331-5790. rdeutsch@ahqa.org.

American Hospital Association – Chicago, IL. Represents about 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 37,000 individual members. Operates Washington and Chicago offices. (312) 422-3000. <http://www.aha.org>. **Contact:** Communications Director Etta Fielek, (202) 626-2358; Jacqueline Harvey, (202) 626-2963, Amy Lee, (202) 626-2284, and Alicia Mitchell (202) 626-2339 in Washington. amitch1@aha.org. AHAs Resource Center Chicago. (312) 422-2000.

American Medical Association – Chicago, IL. Represents 300,000 physicians. Publishes American Medical News, a good source for physician viewpoints. Medical and science reporters can receive a weekly packet of news releases covering articles from the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) and the AMA's nine specialty journals. (312) 464-5000. <http://www.ama-assn.org>. **Contact:** Linda Stepanich, news

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Blue Cross Blue Shield Association – Chicago, IL. Represents 54 organizations and offers fact sheets, news releases, legislative testimony, trend reports, and in-house experts on aspects of managed care. (312) 297-6000.
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Center for Clinical Quality Evaluation – Washington, DC. Research affiliate for peer review organizations. Conducts programs aimed at improving health-care quality, such as reducing strokes via drug therapy. (202) 833-3043. **Contact:** Ruth Ann Hadley. (202) 833-3043.

Center for Studying Health System Change – Washington, DC. Nonpartisan policy research organization committed to providing objective and timely insights on the nation's changing health system to help inform policy makers and contribute to better health care policy. (202) 484-5261.
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services – Baltimore, MD. Provides health insurance for more than 74 million Americans through Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP. Regulates laboratory testing, also known as CLIA, develops coverage policies and quality-of-care improvement. (410) 786-3000. <http://www.cms.gov/>.
Contact: CMS Press Office. (202) 690-6145.

Consumer Coalition for Quality Health Care – Washington, DC. National non-profit membership organization of consumer groups. Advocates for consumer

protection and quality improvement programs and policies in the public and private sectors. (202) 789-3606.
<http://www.consumers.org>. **Contact:** Brian W. Lindberg, executive director. (202) 789-3606. bwilind@erols.com.

Institute for Healthcare Improvement – Boston, MA. A not-for-profit organization created to help lead the improvement of health care systems to continuously increase quality and value. Uses measures that include health status, clinical outcomes, cost, access, ease of use, and satisfaction for individuals and their communities. Donald Berwick, president and CEO. (617) 754-4800.
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Institute of Medicine – Washington, DC. Its report, *To Err Is Human*, is still the best summary of knowledge about medical errors. IOM committee members who wrote that report are often excellent sources. (202) 334-2138.
<http://www.iom.edu>. **Contact:** Saira Moini, media officer. (202) 334-2138. smoini@nas.edu.

Kaiser Family Foundation, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured – Washington, DC. Publishes Medicaid fact sheets, chart books, and studies on Medicaid and managed care. (650) 854-9400 or the DC office at (202) 347-5270. <http://www.kff.org>. **Contact:** Sara Knoll, communications officer. (202) 347-5270.

The Commonwealth Fund – New York, NY. Private foundation that supports independent research on health and social issues. Frequently releases reports and studies. National programs include improving health insurance coverage, access to care and quality of health care

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<http://www.cmwf.org>. **Contact:** Mary Mahon, public information officer. (212) 606-3853. cmwf@cmwf.org.

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