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- Help shape new policies/directives
- Support Voluntary Services programs
- Have an international impact
- Increase elements of patient care
- Create patient and caregiver self-advocacy
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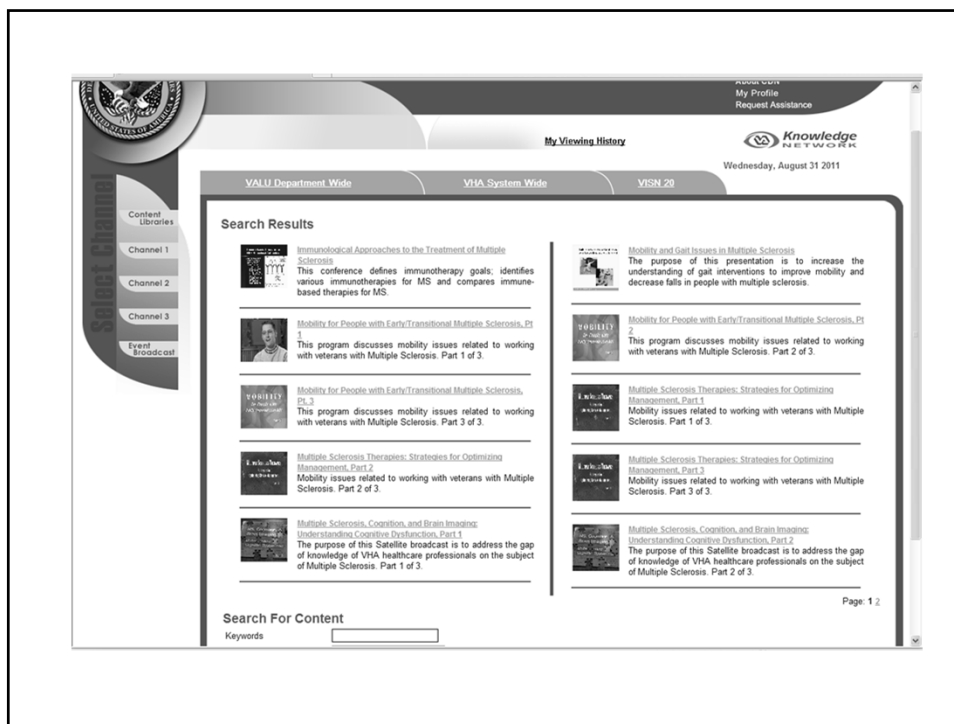
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