

Changes and new features in *Neurology*

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Neurology has multiple missions. Its major goal is to report the best clinical neuroscience. Most academic and practicing neurologists have a subspecialty interest, even if they consider themselves to be general neurologists. We therefore wish to publish papers from each subspecialty area in *Neurology*.

Journal scope and size. *Neurology* is the official voice of the Academy and anticipates publishing increasing numbers of the position papers that are helping to shape and support the practice of neurology. We also want *Neurology* to serve as a forum for the airing of opinion and controversy. We encourage such commentary through letters about published papers. The multiple goals of *Neurology* require an enlarged journal.

The number of submissions to *Neurology* continues to rise. We anticipate receiving nearly 2400 papers in 1997, an increase of almost 20%. During the first 6 months of 1997, we accepted approximately 28% of submitted papers, a figure nearly identical with previous years.

New features. The cover will include authors' names to accompany their respective original articles. The white-on-green print of the cover has been difficult to read; the new, white with black print is more readable and thus allows for a smaller type face. We are asking authors to keep article titles short (96 characters) so that they take only two lines on the cover. Only two lines of authors' names will be listed. These steps will ensure that the names of authors of all original articles will fit on the cover. The names of the authors of *Brief Communications*, *Clinical/Scientific Notes*, and *Correspondence* will not fit, even on the expanded cover. The green spine and green-framed logo continue to identify "The Green Journal."

Electronic publishing. *Neurology's* Table of Contents is now on the Academy's web site (www.AAN.com) 2 weeks prior to publication of each issue. Soon, Academy-approved Practice Guidelines, Consensus Statements, and other policy statements will be on the web site prior to their publication in *Neurology*. *Neurology* is now on-line through institutional subscribers to *Ovid* and individual subscribers to *MD Consult*. The various steps necessary to make the electronic version of the journal more widely available are proceeding.

Golden Anniversary of the American Academy of Neurology. During 1998, *Neurology's* cover will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Academy by including the celebration logo on the journal's cover and spine. In addition, landmark articles from *Neurology* will be republished. An editorial by Sandra Olson, who has chaired the Golden Anniversary Planning Committee, introduces this feature.

Upcoming editorials. *Neurology* was established by Academy founders with its first issue appearing in January 1951. The early history of *Neurology* is summarized in an article by its third Editor-in-Chief, Robert B. Daroff, that will appear in the Academy's Golden Anniversary Celebration Volume to be published this spring.

Health services research is a major priority for the Academy, particularly, studies of the outcome of treatment strategies for neurologic disease. Health services research is first on the list of major new initiatives in the Academy's strategic plan. *Neurology* seeks to publish the best papers reporting this work. An editorial scheduled to appear in our next issue, co-authored by Robert Holloway and Academy President Steven Ringel, constitutes a call for papers in this field. The first of these papers will also appear in the February 1998 *Neurology*.

New Editorial Board members. The following distinguished clinical neuroscientists have been appointed to the Editorial Board of *Neurology*. All are highly regarded authorities in their respective fields and all have been reliable reviewers for *Neurology*. Gerry Fenichel, MD, Vanderbilt University, Nashville; J. Timothy Greenamyre, MD, PhD, Emory University, Atlanta; David Knopman, MD, University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis; Richard Lipton, MD, Montefiore Medical Center, New York; Martin Samuels, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston; Roger Simon, MD, University of Pittsburgh; John Trojanowski, MD, PhD, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. I want to recognize the *Neurology* Editorial Board for their extraordinary expertise and thank them for their effort in maintaining the high standards of the journal. I also thank my Associate Editor, Dr. Karl Kieburtz, and Assistant Editors Drs. Charles Duffy, Leon Epstein, and Michael McDermott for their help in sharing responsibilities of the Editorial Office.

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