

Neurology: New features

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Neurology is continuing to implement technology to make the Journal more accessible to our readers throughout the world. We have also made major changes in the review and processing of manuscripts so that submitted articles are reviewed and accepted and articles published as rapidly as possible. Many new features are included in *Neurology* online. Online readership is expanding rapidly. At the same time, the print journal is being streamlined and circulation, readership, and impact factor are all increasing.

Online submission, peer review, and manuscript tracking. *Neurology's* online submission, peer review, and tracking system launched successfully in February 2003. Users now visit and register at <http://submit.neurology.org>. There is also a link from the Journal's home page (<http://www.neurology.org>). The development and implementation was led by Sharon Quimby in *Neurology's* editorial office. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Reviewers value the review tools—hyperlinking of article references and quick access to other work of the submitting authors being particularly helpful. We have designated staff for author/reviewer help and authors' and reviewers' suggestions are changing the system to better serve all users. Please contact the editorial office for help or with suggestions.

Correspondence. Virtually all correspondence—hard copy or e-mail—is now posted online prior to print publication. Selected letters submitted through the *Neurology* Web site have been published in print. We have now integrated online and hard copy submission into one Correspondence section both in print and online. All correspondence will now be handled through the Journal's Web site. It will not be handled by the online manuscript submission system. To submit correspondence, access the specific article at www.neurology.org and choose "Send response to this article" in the content box at the top of the first page of the article. Authors of correspondence will then be prompted to enter contact information and input and send the text of the letter. After review, letters (and author responses) will be posted rapidly. Selected accepted letters will be published in print as well. (For Correspondence submission see www.neurology.org, Information for Authors.)

Online-only features. *Neurology* online has CME, Patient Page, videos, rapidly posted correspondence, additional **NeuroImages**, and appended data sets and

other supplemental material. Beginning January 2004, an online Residents/Fellows section will be initiated.

Neurology's Patient Page is the most frequently visited section in the online Journal. The Patient Page discusses an important article and is written for patients and their families to help them understand specific diseases and their treatment. Its two pages include both background and information and perspective specific to the article itself.

Neurology in the palm of your hand. Beginning Summer 2003, there will be a link from the homepage of the online Journal to download *Neurology's* current Table of Contents and article abstracts to a personal digital assistant (PDA). This PDA is AAN-developed with AvantGo technology. AAN News and Events, other publications, and general academy information are all now available for PDA access on the AAN Web site (visit <http://www.aan.com/pda.cfm> for more information).

Publish ahead of print. In January 2004, *Neurology* will begin to publish articles online prior to print publication. Articles will be fully edited by the author and production office. Articles will be citable and indexed through PubMed. The print journal will continue to be essential to readers for editorials, Highlights, and other similar material. Ultimately, all original articles will be posted ahead of print.

International editions of *Neurology*. *Neurology's* international readership continues to expand. In addition, *Neurology* will now have a Polish edition. Zbigniew Wszolek, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, will oversee the selection of articles. There are already Spanish and Japanese editions and an Italian edition is just being initiated. The foreign language editions are published quarterly; contents include selected articles from *Neurology*. Each has an international publisher as a sponsor and a publisher-appointed Editor and a *Neurology*-appointed Editor.

Online access for developing countries. Through an initiative with the World Health Organization (WHO), Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (a subsidiary of Wolters Kluwer) will be able to provide internet-only access to particular institutions in developing countries. The need is defined by gross national product of the country. This program will provide *Neurology* to underdeveloped countries worldwide.

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