

# New features in *Neurology*

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## Changes in the Editorial Board and Editors.

We welcome the following distinguished neurologists to the *Neurology* Editorial Board, effective January 1, 2005: Steven M. Greenberg, MD, PhD (Boston, MA); Oliver Bandmann, MD, PhD (Sheffield, UK); Peter Calabresi, MD (Baltimore, MD); Leena Ketonen, MD (Houston, TX); Shlomo Shinnar, MD, PhD (Bronx, NY); and Frank Birklein MD, PhD (Mainz, Germany).

We thank our retiring Editorial Board members, who have devoted enormous time and energy to *Neurology* and have helped to make the *Journal* the premier source of information in clinical neuroscience. Retiring Editorial Board members include Samuel Berkovic, MD; Richard Barohn, MD; Mitchell Max, MD; David Rye, MD, PhD; Roger Simon, MD; and Robert Grossman, MD.

We welcome a new Book Review Editor, Dr. Garret Riggs. Dr. Riggs has a career focus on cognitive and behavioral neurology at the University of Rochester. He replaces Irene Richard, who served as *Neurology's* Book Review Editor for 6 years. We are grateful for her commitment and dedication to this important section of *Neurology*.

**Manuscripts.** The number of manuscripts we receive continues to increase every year. We received 3,589 manuscripts in 2003. This is a 15% increase over 2002. We are on a trajectory that will reach over 4,000 manuscripts in 2004. Web access of [www.neurology.org](http://www.neurology.org) has also increased steadily. In 2000, there were 40,000 accesses and in 2004 that number grew to 480,000 accesses. This access includes full text, abstracts, searches, Table of Contents, and the home page of [www.neurology.org](http://www.neurology.org).

**Changes and new features for our readers and authors.** *Publish-ahead-of-print.* Early in 2005, *Neurology* will post up to 25% of content online 2 weeks after acceptance. Major clinical trials and other important papers will be posted rapidly.

*Conference reports.* *Neurology* has accepted the first proposal for publication of a Conference Report as a supplement to *Neurology*. Conference reports summarize findings from scientific meetings that have no commercial financial support and are published at a reduced cost to sponsors and authors.

*Registration of clinical trials.* The International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) recently published a statement regarding registration

of all clinical trials in a central repository.<sup>1</sup> *Neurology* expects to adopt this measure and our Information for Authors will reflect this change in early 2005. This policy applies to any clinical trial starting enrollment after July 1, 2005. For trials that began enrollment before this date, *Neurology* will require registration by September 13, 2005. The Information for Authors will include a list of registration sites.

*Clinical trials recruiting.* *Neurology* will continue to list clinical trial recruiting line notices at no cost. This section is available both in print and online. The online version provides direct links to registries and research sites. We currently have more than 80 trials listed, organized by subspecialty. We expect that these listings will help those conducting clinical trials to more readily recruit patients. Display ads are also available for a reasonable rate. For detailed information on placing a clinical trial line listing or display ad, please see the Web page: <http://www.neurology.org/clinicaltrials/?ck=nck>.

*Change in author disclosure forms.* *Neurology* will no longer require forms from all authors. Instead, corresponding authors of submitted manuscripts must now sign the Corresponding Author Disclosure form for themselves and on behalf of all authors and send it to *Neurology*. Co-authors must sign a Co-author Disclosure Form, which is kept by the Corresponding author for a period of 5 years from submission of the manuscript. This change in disclosure forms will allow manuscripts to be processed more quickly in the *Neurology* editorial office.

*Conversion of pre-1999 Neurology to e-format.* This initiative will place all back content of *Neurology* online starting with the January–February issue of 1951. It will be searchable, and we expect to archive back content on CD-ROM for those who wish to purchase this for their libraries.

*International editions.* We currently have Spanish, Italian, Polish, and Japanese editions of the *Journal*. The Polish edition Editors Anna Czlonkowska (Warsaw) and Zbigniew Wszolek (Jacksonville) will begin publishing Polish commentary on certain *Neurology* articles. We expect that other international editions will follow their lead. This international commentary will be written by a Polish-speaking neurologist and will consider aspects of the article that are unique to or characteristic of Poland. The Polish Editors have appointed an editorial board including four neurologists whose native language is Polish.

*Online activation.* We encourage print readers to activate their online subscription. Users can access [www.neurology.org](http://www.neurology.org) and select the “login instructions” link provided on the Help screen. This will lead users to a step-by-step activation process. The online journal includes full text (pdf and html formats) of articles from 1999 forward, links to PubMed, and extensive search capabilities. It also includes features not available in the print version, including rapidly posted Correspondence, CME, Video, Patient Page, Resident and Fellow Page, and Supplemental Data.

*New patient magazine.* Following the success of *Neurology's* Patient Page under Editor Robin Brey, the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) is launching a new publication, *Neurology Now*, a quarterly direct-to-patient magazine that provides cutting-edge information about advances in the management and treatment of neurological diseases in lay language. The new magazine is edited by Dr. Brey. AAN members have said that one of their greatest needs is to have help in providing credible information about neurological diseases to their patients. *Neurology Now* has been developed to meet that need.

**Disclosures.** The World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) has stated that Editors should disclose their conflicts of interests every year.<sup>2</sup> We plan to do this in the January Editorial Message.

*Editor-in-Chief.* The Editor-in-Chief, Robert C. Griggs, receives grant funding from the NINDS, the Office of Rare Diseases, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The Editor-in-Chief serves on the Medi-

cal Advisory Board of Astra-Zeneca but does not retain honoraria from Astra-Zeneca.

*Associate Editors.* Steven Schwid has received research funding from the NIH, the National MS Society, Biogen, Eisai, Genentech, Merck, Pfizer, Serono, and Teva. He has served on the speaker's bureaus of Biogen, Serono, and Teva and received consultant fees from Biogen, DME Bioscience, Novartis, Serono, and Teva.

Robert A. Gross has received research funding from the Department of Army and conducted clinical trials funded by GlaxoSmithKline, UCBPharma, and Pfizer. He has served on the speakers' bureaus for Abbott and GlaxoSmithKline and has received consultant fees from GlaxoSmithKline.

Jonathan Mink receives grant funding from the NINDS and from the Batten Disease Support and Research Association. He serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation and on the Medical Advisory Boards of the Tourette Syndrome Association and the Batten Disease Support and Research Association.

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