



From the Editor

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HIV of the developing brain, cryptococcal meningitis, and advocacy for headache care

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In January's "Global stuff you should know," Dr. David Bearden discussed the changing landscape of pediatric neuro-HIV. David's overview provides a personal account of caring for and conducting research with children infected with HIV. His work spans almost 2 decades, 2 continents, and 3 very different countries. This is a must-read for US neurology trainees who may never witness the effect of HIV of the developing brain.

In February, WOB provided an overview of recent estimates of the global burden of cryptococcal meningitis¹ and shared the powerful argument made by one group of experts that cryptococcal meningitis warrants inclusion in the WHO's list of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).² If added to this short list of 21 tropical conditions afflicting more than a billion people, Crypto would be in good company. At least 7 of the 21 NTDs recognized by WHO are conditions that kill or maim primarily through their effects on the nervous system (leprosy, neurocysticercosis, rabies, African sleeping sickness).

In March, tune in to the podcast interview with Professor Tim Steiner. For many, Tim Steiner is synonymous with global advocacy to improve headache care. Professor Steiner's work pioneered epidemiologic methods for assessing headache that have transformed our epidemiologic framework for enumerating the global disease burden.

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