



# Innovations in Care Delivery



## From the Editor

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### Highlighted Articles

Innovations in Care Delivery strives to highlight articles that feature advances in care delivery in our Editor's Blog, Editor's Top 5 Recommended Reading, and Latest Articles sections. Periodically, we also include interviews with leaders in the field of health services research.

### Editor's Blog

Innovations in Care Delivery blogs over the last couple of months have discussed articles about the effects of centralizing acute stroke services in Denmark, prophylactic antibiotics in stroke, cautions in using pre-/postdesigns in intervention studies, and difficulty in using claims databases to measure value of neurologic care.

### Editor's Top 5 Recommended Reading and Latest Articles Sections

Check out our collection of *Neurology*<sup>®</sup> articles related to innovations in care delivery. Recently we added the article by Ahlawat and Narayanaswami about financial relationships between neurologists and industry. The authors report that in 2015, 51% (6,893/13,479) of US neurologists receive some sort of nonresearch industry payments. The highest 10% of compensated neurologists accounted for 85% of the total payments.

### Other Don't Miss Items

Check out the recent podcast (June 5, 2018, issue) on the validation of a disease-specific quality of life measure for diabetic polyneuropathy. Dr. Alex Menze interviews Dr. Kelly Gwathmey about her article on a new quality of life measure for diabetic polyneuropathy. The measure was originally developed in chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy. Dr. Gwathmey studied it in the more prevalent diabetic neuropathy patients. The measure consists of 15 items about pain, balance, and other difficulties. The study also found that more than 50% of the patients are frustrated or bothered by pain. Gwathmey also describes how using this scale in the clinic helps them to identify the aspects of the neuropathy that bother the patient the most, thus facilitating patient-oriented care.

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### Blog

Read the Innovations in Care Delivery blog for timely posts by the editors and invited guests on *Neurology* articles.

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## What's happening in Innovations in Care Delivery

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