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Blogs

Colleagues in low and middle-income countries can find themselves working with data that differ from those of high-income countries. In the blog “Psychogenic nonepileptic attacks (PNEA)...in Africa,” we discussed an example of this. “At a referral hospital in Tanzania, Dekker and colleagues¹ have recently made some interesting observations. In their 6-year retrospective chart review, they found that PNEA comprised 50% of the functional neurologic disorders seen but the PNEA presenting in their setting was almost exclusively a short-lived, self-limited condition in young women.”

Reference

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Extra, extra

This section of Without Borders is a place to share events and opportunities in global neurology. It goes beyond job postings, although some can be found there. In the past, we have made readers aware of campaigns to encourage governments to educate their populace on neurologic diseases so that members of the community will be protected from misinformation (e.g., epilepsy is not the result of internal demons). We share information on scholarships, internships, upcoming conferences, and any news items of special interest to those looking to expand their knowledge base in global neurology. The link to the latest Practice Current survey can also be found there. We hope that readers from a broad range of countries will participate in these surveys to enrich the survey data and better educate their neurology colleagues around the world. Let us know if you have something you think would be of benefit to readers of this section.



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