



## From the Editor

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

### Editor's Blog

The Innovations in Care Delivery blog, over the last several months, has discussed articles about amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and variation in noninvasive ventilation and stroke in primarily ethnic minority-serving US hospitals and lower carotid revascularization rates. Our goal is to highlight health services research articles published in *Neurology*<sup>®</sup> or *Neurology*<sup>®</sup> *Clinical Practice* as well as to give opinions by experts in the field.

### Editor's Top Five Recommended Reading & Latest Articles sections

Check out our collection of *Neurology* articles related to innovations in care delivery.

A recent article by Drs. Snyder and Turner<sup>1</sup> characterized the marketplace for direct-to-consumer unproven stem cell-based interventions for neurologic diseases using crowdfunding data. The authors searched GoFundMe for solicitation of funds to pay for stem cell interventions. They identified 1,030 crowdfunding campaigns which received a total of \$5.1 million from 38,713 donors. The most common neurologic condition identified was multiple sclerosis. The most common treatment destinations were the Stem Cell Institute in Panama, StemGenex in San Diego, California, and Clinica Ruiz in Pueblo, Mexico.

A commentary by Weathers et al.<sup>2</sup> described the efforts of the American Academy of Neurology to work with a major electronic health record vendor to improve usability specifically for neurologists.

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### Blog

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