



Innovations in Care Delivery



From the Editors

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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

The Innovations in Care Delivery blog, over the past several months, has discussed an article on the rising out-of-pocket costs for commonly prescribed neurologic medications and another article reporting on a randomized trial of nurse-led care management vs usual care in patients with Parkinson disease. Also of interest is a recent Without Borders blog post by Gretchen Birbeck, MD, about integrating mental health services to narrow the epilepsy treatment gap in underserved areas. Our goal is to highlight health services research articles published in *Neurology*[®] or *Neurology*[®] *Clinical Practice* and to give opinions by experts in the field.

Editor's top 5 recommended reading and latest articles sections

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

A recent article by Kalilani et al.¹ investigated a possible gap between new-onset epilepsy diagnosis and treatment in the United States. The authors used claims data from 59,970 persons using the Truven Health MarketScan. They found that more than one-third of patients meeting the ICD-9 criteria for new epilepsy diagnosis did not have at least one 30-day prescription of an AED during the subsequent 3 years. The discussion addressed the advantages and limitations of claims-based studies.

Another new addition is an article by Lum et al.,² which is a qualitative research study about advanced care planning in Parkinson disease. The authors interviewed patients and caretakers and then made several important findings about barriers to more engagement with advanced care planning and also how a palliative care approach might positively influence planning.

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