# In Focus

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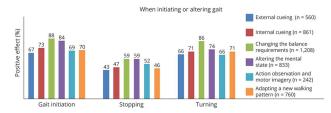


## Notable in Neurology This Week

This issue features an article that examines the perspectives of patients with myasthenia gravis on the severity of their symptoms; another investigates predictors of early neurologic deterioration in patients with lacunar stroke. A featured Special Article presents the American Academy of Neurology's position on high drug costs and distributive justice.

### **Research Articles**

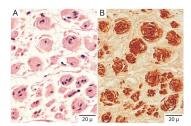
# Pure Motor Onset and IgM-Gammopathy Occurrence in Multifocal Acquired Demyelinating Sensory and Motor Neuropathy



This retrospective review of 76 patients with multifocal acquired demyelinating sensory and motor (MADSAM) neuropathy revealed the most common presentation was pure motor onset, mimicking multifocal motor neu-

ropathy (MMN). Motor-onset MADSAM demonstrates improved long-term immunotherapy responsiveness relative to prior MMN reports, and patients with immunoglobulin M monoclonal gammopathy frequently require dual agent immunotherapy. Page 669

# Perception and Use of Compensation Strategies for Gait Impairment by Persons With Parkinson Disease



Compensation strategies are essential in the management of gait impairments in Parkinson disease. A survey of 4,324 patients revealed a high patient-rated efficacy of different types of compensation strategies, but effects vary by person and context. Suitable strategies should be identified using a tailored, personalized approach.

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# Colorectal Cancer Survival in Multiple Sclerosis: A Matched Cohort Study

The authors studied colorectal cancer survival in persons with and without multiple sclerosis (MS), using population-based administrative data and a retrospective cohort design. Overall and cancer-specific survival was lower in persons with MS. This has potential implications for clinical decision-making, and investigation is needed to determine factors underlying these outcomes. Page 674

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# Contemporary Issues in Practice, Education, & Research

## Contemporary Neuroscience Core Curriculum for Medical Schools

This article outlines an organizational framework medical schools can use to teach neuroscience that is essential to all physicians. The primary objective of the curriculum is to teach well-established neurologic concepts that students can use as a foundation to evaluate nervous system function. Course directors should adapt the proposed curriculum to their needs. Page 675

NB: "Scalloping Spine in a Patient With Type 1 Neurofibromatosis," p. 693. To check out other NeuroImages, point your browser to Neurology.org/N. At the end of the issue, check out the Resident & Fellow Section Teaching NeuroImages article discussing an internal carotid artery sympathetic plexus schwannoma that caused abducens nerve palsy in a patient with ipsilateral excessive eye tearing, and another on brain and spine lesions caused by severe vitamin deficiencies. This week also includes a Resident & Fellow Section Pearls & Oy-sters article titled "Trigeminal Nerve Dysfunction as the Key Diagnostic Clue to Listeria Rhombencephalitis."

#### **NEW EPISODE**



October 5, 2021

# Ethical Perspectives on Costly Drugs and Health Care: AAN Position Statement (see p. 685)

In the first part of the podcast, Dr. Ted Burns interviews legendary musician Peter Frampton about his experience with inclusion body myositis and his storied career. In the second segment, Dr. Gordon Smith talks with Dr. Amy Tsou about the updated AAN Position Statement on ethical concerns raised by high drug costs.

Disclosures can be found at Neurology.org.

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