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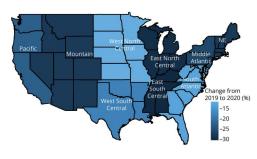


Notable in Neurology This Week

This issue features an article that investigates the association of epilepsy with COVID-19 infection susceptibility and risk of complications; another evaluates the risk of autism in patients with pediatric ischemic stroke. A featured Review presents the clinical characteristics, diagnostic workup, treatment options, and outcomes of brain sagging dementia.

Research Articles

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Epilepsy Center Practice in the United States



This census survey study highlights disparities in epilepsy care due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Access to care at US epilepsy centers decreased between 2019 and 2020. Impact varied by region and epilepsy center type. Adult patients, those relying on level 3 centers for care, and those in the eastern United States were most affected.

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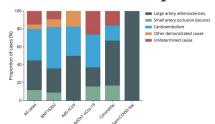
From editorialists Berg and Jobst: "Hopefully we will... ensure that pandemic precautions in the future do not create greater risks and harms to patients with epilepsy (or other disorders requiring urgent care) than the next pandemic disease itself."

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Prevalence of Bipolar Symptoms or Disorder in Epilepsy: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Despite the known association between epilepsy and psychiatric disorders, the epidemiology of bipolar disorder in epilepsy remains understudied. This systematic review and meta-analysis estimated the prevalence of bipolar symptoms and disorders in epilepsy to be 12.3% and 4.5%, respectively. Larger population studies are needed to confirm these findings. Page 791

Stroke Among SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Recipients in Mexico: A Nationwide Descriptive Study



Information on stroke as an adverse event following immunization against SARS-CoV-2 remains scarce. In this Mexican nationwide study, during an 8-month period, acute stroke was a rare event among recipients of 6 different anti–SARS-CoV-2 vaccines. Preexisting cardiovascular risk factors were identified in most patients.

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Development and Validation of the Pediatric Hypersomnolence Survey

Researchers developed a clinical screening survey for pediatric narcolepsy and idiopathic hypersomnia using qualitative methods, validated it with robust psychometric testing, and assessed it for reliability across a 1-week period. This survey may help users avoid lengthy diagnostic delays and misdiagnoses of children and adolescents.

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NB: "Orbital Plasmacytoma in a Young Patient With HIV Presenting as Multiple Cranial Nerve Palsy," p. 806. To check out other Video NeuroImages, point your browser to Neurology.org/N. At the end of the issue, check out the Resident & Fellow Section Teaching NeuroImage discussing Sturge-Weber syndrome in a patient presenting with port wine stain, leptomeningeal capillary-venous malformations, and epilepsy. This week also includes a Resident & Fellow Section Child Neurology article titled "Pathologically Confirmed Thrombotic Microangiopathy Caused by Onasemnogene Abeparvovec Treatment for SMA."

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