New features in *Neurology*

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Journal mission. *Neurology's* goal is to provide the best clinical neuroscience for general neurology and neurologic subspecialties. As the official voice of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), *Neurology* is publishing increasing numbers of position papers that are helping to shape and support the practice of neurology, both nationally and internationally.

The number of submissions to *Neurology* continues to increase every year. This year, we anticipate receiving over 2,500 submissions. Approximately 20% of all submissions are accepted for publication (a decrease from 34% in 1996), reflecting our intention to publish only the most important papers in the field.

Important new features. With this issue of *Neurology* there are many important changes in the journal: increased frequency of publication; the online, electronic version of *Neurology*; and a new feature, *NeuroImages*.

Increased frequency of publication. In 1999, we are increasing our frequency by 50%, and will publish 18 rather than 12 issues. There will be two issues in each of the following months: January, March, April, July, September, and October. The double issues will be dated the 1st and 15th of the month and will be mailed separately, approximately 2 weeks apart. There will be the customary single issue in February, May, June, August, November, and December.

This increase in the number of issues has many benefits. It will result in a thinner, more manageable journal, and will allow for a moderate increase (approximately 10%) in the total number of papers for the year. It will also shorten the publication delay by about 15% and enable us to print authors' names on the cover, including those of Brief Communications and Clinical/Scientific Notes, space permitting.

The only major drawback to the increased number of issues is the additional mailing costs, which are being absorbed by the AAN. Journal subscribers are not being charged for the extra issues.

Electronic version of *Neurology*. In late January, *Neurology* will become available online. Initially, the electronic version of *Neurology* will simply be the print version. Over the next year or so, a number of new features will be developed for use with the electronic journal—possibilities include expanding the use of color, video clips, animated illustrations, updates to AAN position papers, opportunities for continuing medical education credits, practice parameters, and a *Neurology* journal-review service.

At the outset, the site will be freely accessible to any user. Later, all AAN members, as well as other *Neurology* subscribers, will receive a password to maintain complete access to the Journal. There will still be unrestricted access to each issue's Table of Contents, article abstracts, editorials, and Academy position papers.

Directions for accessing the Journal online will appear in the January 15 issue (Vol. 52, No. 2, 1999).

NeuroImages. *Neurology* has many facets that can be captured in an image. *NeuroImages* is designed to highlight interesting case summaries with previously unpublished photomicrographs, patient photographs, neuroradiologic images, and other pictorial matter.

Because the current style and format of *Neurology* often results in "white space" between our various sections, we developed the concept of *NeuroImages* to make use of this area. The first *NeuroImages* appears on page 169. For submission information, please read the *NeuroImages* section of the Information for Authors, page 25A.

Important recent features. Over the last year, *Neurology* has featured many cutting-edge articles, including Expedited Publications, Clinical Trials, and Health Services Research.

Expedited publication. *Neurology* provides expedited review and publication of high-priority, time-sensitive manuscripts. Generally, these papers can be published within 10–12 weeks of submission (see the Information for Authors, pages 25A–28A).

Clinical trials. *Neurology* seeks to publish important positive and negative randomized controlled trials (see *Neurology* 1997;49:2–3).

Health services research. The Editorial entitled "Narrowing the evidence–practice gap: Strengthening the link between research and clinical practice" by Steven Ringel and Robert Holloway (*Neurology* 1998;50:319–321) represented a call for papers. *Neurology* has published four articles with accompanying Editorials and has five more in press or under consideration. We remain interested in publishing high quality outcome research and other health services research pertinent to the practice of neurology.

New Editorial Board. In 1997, the majority of papers received and published by *Neurology* were from countries outside the United States. To best represent our increasingly diverse readership, we have invited international neurologists to serve on the board.

Eight new Editorial Board members have been appointed, including four outstanding clinical neuroscientists from overseas. Their appointments signal our wish to receive the best papers from the entire international community of clinical neuroscientists.

Editorial Board members, both US and international, are selected on the basis of their distinguished reputation as well as their demonstrated responsibilities as frequent, reliable reviewers for *Neurology*.

Joining the 1999 Editorial Board from North America are Karen Marder, MD, MPH, Columbia University, New York, NY; Mitchell Max, MD,

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD; James Powers, MD, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY; and Harvey Singer, MD, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD.

Our new international Editorial Board members include David Chadwick, MD, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, England; Alessandro Filla, MD, Università Federico II, Napoli, Italy; Werner Hacke, MD, PhD, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany; and Frans G.A. van der Meché, MD, PhD, University Hospital Rotterdam-Dijkzigt, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

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