In Focus

Spotlight on the August 23 Issue

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This issue features an article that assesses the correlation of tissue measures estimated by quantitative MRI techniques and motor handicap in patients with hypomyelination and another that investigates the prevalence and clinical features of posttransplant CNS symptoms in patients with hereditary ATTR amyloidosis. A featured Contemporary Issues article focuses on how the child neurologist plays a critical role in planning and coordinating the successful transition from the pediatric to adult health care system for youths with neurologic conditions.

ARTICLES

Symptom profiles of autism spectrum disorder in tuberous sclerosis complex

In this study of children with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC), 50% of infants with TSC developed autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Despite comorbid global developmental delay, the features of ASD in TSC matched those of toddlers with nonsyndromic ASD. These results necessitate early screening and intervention for ASD in TSC.

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Racial-ethnic disparities in acute blood pressure after intracerebral hemorrhage

Lowering blood pressure remains an important treatment in acute intracerebral hemorrhage. The authors found higher presenting blood pressures in black patients and Hispanic patients when compared to white patients with acute intracerebral hemorrhage. Recognizing such race-ethnic differences identifies patient populations that require more intense blood pressure management early in the course of cerebral hemorrhage.

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Neuroimaging overuse is more common in Medicare compared with the VA

The authors compare neuroimaging use in 2 cohorts for headache and neuropathy from 2004 to 2011. Overuse of neuroimaging was less common in the Veterans Affairs population than in Medicare. Better understanding of the reasons behind the selective use of neuroimaging in the Veterans Affairs population may inform future initiatives to reduce overuse of diagnostic testing.

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Mind-body therapy via videoconferencing in patients with neurofibromatosis: An RCT

Sixty-three participants completed both a mind-body program (The Relaxation Response Resiliency Program for NF) and attention placebo control (Health Enhancement Program for NF), delivered via group videoconferencing. This study provides evidence that for patients with neurofibromatosis, a mind-body program was better than an attention placebo control in improving quality of life.

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NB: "Blue Consciousness," see p. 846. To check out other Visions pieces, point your browser to Neurology.org. At the end of the issue, check out the NeuroImages discussing transient deficits after inadvertent intrathecal trigger-point injection with lidocaine and the "seagull cry" as an initial sign in a child with intracranial carotid stenosis. This week also includes a Global Perspectives article titled "China's shift from population control to population quality: Implications for neurology."

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