



# Innovations in Care Delivery



## From the Editor

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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.

### In This Issue

Check out the new practice guideline on disorders of consciousness by the Guidelines Subcommittee along with the accompanying Views & Reviews titled "Ethical, palliative, and policy considerations in disorders of consciousness."

### Editor's Blog

The Innovations in Care Delivery blog, over the last several months, has discussed articles about the effects of centralizing acute stroke services in Denmark, prophylactic antibiotics in stroke, cautions in using pre- and postdesigns in intervention studies, and the difficulty in using claims databases to measure value of neurologic care.

### Editor's Top 5 Recommended Reading and Latest Articles

Check out our collection of *Neurology*<sup>®</sup> articles related to innovations in care delivery. We recently added the article by Brandi et al.<sup>1</sup> about eConsults to neurologists by primary care providers in Canada. The authors found that the most common topics were about headache, incidental imaging findings, numbness/tingling, seizures, and cerebrovascular disease.

Another new addition is the international comparison of neurologists' conversations with patients about epilepsy.<sup>2</sup> This is a one-of-a-kind qualitative analysis of audio recordings. One difference was that neurologists in Germany spent more time with patients and talked more about triggers. The recordings also revealed that, in all countries, neurologists never offered multiple medication options to patients.

### Other Don't-Miss Items

The call for papers for a special supplement, *Neurology* Null Hypothesis, is now open. *Neurology* Null Hypothesis is a joint initiative between the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), its flagship publication *Neurology*, and the Center for Biomedical Research Transparency; the goal is to promote the submission of research papers for well-designed yet negative or inconclusive studies and replication work. This initiative was launched at the 2018 AAN Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

*Neurology*<sup>®</sup> *Clinical Practice* conducts a Practice Current series, which is an interactive exchange on controversial clinical management topics. Take the active survey at [Neurology.org/practice-current-latest-survey](http://Neurology.org/practice-current-latest-survey).

The AAN offers an ongoing series of Practice Management webinars. Mark your calendars for October 23: "How Does Health Services Research Help Me?" You can also check out prior webinars, gain useful information, and earn CME credit by registering and viewing the recorded versions of the webinars on the AAN website.

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## Blog

Read the Innovations in Care Delivery blog for timely posts by the editors and invited guests on *Neurology* articles.

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## What's happening in Innovations in Care Delivery

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