


 WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
IN

# Without Borders



## From the Editor

Gretchen Birbeck, MD, MPH

In January 2020, an interview covering the launch of a Malawian stroke center in Blantyre was added to *Without Borders*. Deanna Rae Saylor, MD, MHS, of the John Hopkins Department of Neurology, interviewed leaders on this project: Laura Benjamin, MRCP, PhD, University of Liverpool Institute of Infection and Global Health; Robert J. Simister, MA, MRCP, University College London Hospitals, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery; and Orlando Swayne, MBBS, MRCP, PhD, University College London Hospitals, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery.

Dr. Benjamin said of the project, “There is a need, a demand for what we’re doing, and other people are doing stuff in parallel, as well. I guess what is exciting about what we’re doing is that we’re starting from scratch and taking stock, and looking at all the things that are contributing to what we want to take forward.” Dr. Simister added, “The rather unique situation about this hospital is that it already has the infrastructure to house the project that we are trying to develop. In that it is already established, with the Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Institute, a practice of overseas doctors coming to join their Malawian clinical workforce to work together on the shop floor and run services.”

When asked about the novel approach being taken towards developing the center, Dr. Swayne said, “What we’re envisaging is to try to develop a solid pathway where there’s continuity in the team between the admission in the emergency department, to the stroke unit, to the rehabilitation unit... to have the same therapy team who are involved in assessing the patients—and then follow them through, and smoothing that journey for the appropriate patients to enter rehabilitation.”



## Blog

Read the *Without Borders* blog for timely posts by the editor and invited guests.

[NPub.org/wbblog](https://npub.org/wbblog)

# Neurology<sup>®</sup>

## What's Happening in Without Borders

*Neurology* 2020;94;525

DOI 10.1212/WNL.00000000000009143

**This information is current as of March 23, 2020**

**Updated Information & Services**

including high resolution figures, can be found at:  
<http://n.neurology.org/content/94/12/525.full>

**Permissions & Licensing**

Information about reproducing this article in parts (figures, tables) or in its entirety can be found online at:  
[http://www.neurology.org/about/about\\_the\\_journal#permissions](http://www.neurology.org/about/about_the_journal#permissions)

**Reprints**

Information about ordering reprints can be found online:  
<http://n.neurology.org/subscribers/advertise>

*Neurology*® is the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Published continuously since 1951, it is now a weekly with 48 issues per year. Copyright © 2020 American Academy of Neurology. All rights reserved. Print ISSN: 0028-3878. Online ISSN: 1526-632X.

