



From the Editor

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Innovations in Care Delivery (IICD) highlights articles that feature advances in care delivery in our *Editor's Blog*, *Editor's Top Five Recommended Reading*, and *Latest Articles* sections. Interviews with leaders in the field of health services research are included periodically.

Editor's blog

Recent IICD blogs have discussed issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic including maintaining patient-facing clinical research, stroke assessment during the pandemic, and effective communication in inpatient neurology. Our goal is to highlight health services research articles published in *Neurology*[®] or *Neurology: Clinical Practice*[®] as well as to give opinions by experts in the field.

Editor's Top Five Recommended Reading and Latest Articles sections

Check out our collection of *Neurology* articles related to Innovations in Care Delivery at [NPub.org/innovations](https://www.npub.org/innovations).

In a recent article, Sharma et al.¹ surveyed US neurologists and trainees on a variety of topics related to practice changes during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many notable findings were made. Nonurgent inpatient consults were being triaged by 63% (357/567) of respondents and often replaced with a phone consultation. For outpatient practice, the majority (68%) of respondents were able to implement teleneurology on a large scale. Obstacles to implementation of teleneurology included Internet bandwidth, licensing, and equipment problems. At the time of the survey, 21% of respondents still had to come into the office for teleneurology appointments.

Also, check out the article by Gelauff et al.² about the evaluation of an Internet-based self-help intervention for motor functional neurologic disorder. This was a randomized (nonblinded) trial that compared education and the self-help website in addition to usual care with usual care alone. There was no significant difference on the Clinical Global Improvement Scale or secondary outcomes including severity of motor symptoms and quality of life measures. Participants had a high level of satisfaction with the website, with 86% recommending it to other patients.

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