Innovations in Care Delivery strives to highlight articles that feature advances in care delivery in our Editor’s Blog, Editor’s Top Five Recommended Reading, and Latest Articles sections. Periodically, we also include interviews with leaders in the field of health services research.

Editor’s Blog
Recent IICD blogs have discussed issues relating to cost effectiveness of thrombectomy, the success gap for women in academic neurology, and refining the algorithms for auto-antibody testing in myasthenia gravis. Our goal was to highlight health services research articles published in Neurology® or Neurology® Clinical Practice and to give opinions by experts in the field.

Editor’s Top Five Recommended Reading and Latest Articles Sections
Check out our collection of Neurology and Neurology: Clinical Practice articles related to innovations in care delivery.

Joshi et al.1 evaluated the safety and quality of telemedicine visits in pediatric neurology after the onset of the pandemic compared to before the pandemic. The authors found that patients were equally likely to be admitted to the hospital within 7 days and within 8–30 days before the pandemic or during it. During the pandemic, only 2.3% of patients were seen again for an in-person visit within 30 days of a telemedicine visit, most of which were to perform an in-person examination.1 The authors concluded that telemedicine remained a safe and high-quality option for pediatric neurology patients.

In addition, check out the article by Gursky et al.2 who compared patient characteristics in those who had telephone visits during the pandemic with those who had had televideo visits at Montefiore Medical Center. The authors found that patients who had telephone visits were overall older (median 59 years old vs median 53 years old), less likely to have commercial insurance (24% vs 39%) and more likely to have Medicaid (48% vs 30%) than patients who had televideo visits.2 New patients in both the adult and pediatric groups were more likely to have televideo visits. Outcomes were not assessed.

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