

Introduction

We are pleased to present another issue of *NeuroRehabilitation*, focusing on a wide variety of topics. Subjects especially relevant to clinical practice are discussed. Within this issue, Yasuda and colleagues report on the effects of demographic variables, occupational characteristics, workplace accommodations, life quality, physical limitations, and other variables on return to work after spinal cord injury. Burnett and colleagues present their research on demographics, incidence, and functional outcomes of minority patients with spinal cord injury. A review of computer-assisted cognitive rehabilitation is provided by Gontkovsky and colleagues. Jepsen and VonThaden examine the outcomes of incorporating mediated cognitive education into special education classrooms. The effects of strength building exercises on muscle tone and on the gain in muscle strength following stroke is investigated by

Badics and colleagues. Turton and Pomeroy evaluate early intensive activity of the upper limb considering the physiology of the brain in acute stroke. The effects of environmental predictability on postural control after brain injury are examined by Zhang and colleagues. Wilson and colleagues investigate long-term outcomes and provide service recommendations regarding vegetative state and minimally responsive patients. Gberman and Coelho provide a two-part series on the acoustic analysis of Parkinsonian speech. Lastly, the issue is completed with Nelson and colleagues' research into the validity of the Gaitrite and Functional Ambulation Performance Scoring System for use with persons with Parkinson's disease. As always we appreciate the contributions of professionals in the field. We are confident you will find the information contained in this issue to be both enlightening and practical.