

FROM THE EDITORS

Recent advances in medical technology have resulted in increased survival rates and prolonged life expectancies for persons with neurologic injury and illness. The challenge of providing appropriate care has accelerated the development of clinical and research activities. The number of rehabilitation facilities has increased exponentially during the last decade. Fortunately, the government has also increased funding for basic science and clinical research programs in the area of neurologic disability.

Rapid growth and technological advances have made keeping abreast of advances in the field of neurologic rehabilitation a difficult chore. Clinicians face even greater difficulty than researchers, considering that many clinicians are faced with overwhelming patient care responsibilities.

Currently, there are a variety of books and journals in the rehabilitation field. Journals provide an excellent format for timely dissemination of clinical and research advances. However, the focus of current journals varies in regard to a number of factors, including (1) applied clinical versus basic science research, (2) relevance to patient care, (3) interdisciplinary versus multidisciplinary approach, and (4) concentration on a single or small subset of disorders.

Most journals provide material relevant to one or a small set of disciplines. Others focus on a single disability category. Only a few journals provide practical information relevant to most

members of interdisciplinary treatment teams. Rehabilitation of persons with stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, and other neurologic disorders is typically provided by multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary teams.

To address the special needs of rehabilitation professionals, we have developed *NeuroRehabilitation: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. We believe the journal combines a variety of important characteristics providing an overall unique format: (1) Each issue is organized around a single theme; (2) Articles are relevant to an interdisciplinary group rather than a single discipline; and (3) A primary goal is to provide information that has direct clinical relevance.

Issues will include a variety of special features, including case presentations, review articles, abstracts of selected literature, commentaries on controversial issues, and book reviews. The readership will be polled periodically to obtain information and opinions related to practice issues, and the results will be published. Information will also be provided regarding the content and schedules for upcoming meetings and conferences.

The editors and Andover Medical Publishers look forward to serving our readership's needs and will remain responsive to your feedback.

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