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Welcome to the first “official” issue of *Neurology® Clinical Practice*. Reaction to two pilot journals confirmed there is a demand for timely updates of peer-reviewed clinical neurology material, with a focus on the needs of the practicing neurologist. We are forging ahead and plan to publish four issues in 2012 and six annually thereafter. The journal is free to American Academy of Neurology members and will be mailed along with the Green Journal. The content will also be available electronically (www.neurology.org/cp) and through a custom iPad app.

Neurology: Clinical Practice will feature a variety of articles, including those that explore problems confronted while caring for a complex patient or addressing an ethical challenge. Reports will offer analyses of office-based and health policy issues and will introduce new drugs and devices that may affect patient care. “Five New Things” articles will update the reader on emerging issues in topics such as Parkinson disease and stroke. In addition, we will present expert opinion pieces solidly grounded in clinical care meant to inform the reader, stimulate thought, and generate discussion. Full and Image Cases will offer timely material with important teaching points. We invite lively debate regarding these articles in our correspondence forum “The Nerve! Readers Speak.”

The first few issues of *Neurology: Clinical Practice* will feature primarily invited articles. However, we eagerly encourage unsolicited contributions for consideration. Manuscripts submitted to this journal undergo the same thorough peer review as *Neurology* submissions. Please consult our Information for Authors (www.neurology.org/cp) for form, style, and submission requirements.

New initiatives are already in the works. We will be offering CME and Book Reviews, broadening our scope to encompass issues of particular interest to our international readers, and featuring bold images related to the art of medicine. We hope this journal becomes an important part of your ongoing education, especially as it relates to maintenance of certification.

With your support and contributions, we look forward to the evolution of this new journal.

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