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The interconnectedness of the 21st century planet—with real-time telecommunications channels and the ability of everyday citizens to travel the globe—necessitates that we think about the practice of neurology on an international scale. This issue of *Neurology® Clinical Practice* features a series of articles curated by David Clifford focusing on the importance of understanding the etiology, diagnosis, and management of neuroinfectious disease. In his series overview, Clifford observes: “The shrinking world we live in—where health problems anyplace in the world...can easily appear in our own communities—has given urgency to understanding and addressing global health problems.” Featured articles discuss the intricacies of diagnosing and treating tuberculous meningitis (Chin) and acute encephalitis (Venkatesan et al.), and explore microbial DNA testing for inflammatory diseases of the brain (Takahashi et al.). Three case reports center on different manifestations of neuroinfectious disease.

In an article titled “Neurology goes global: Opportunities in international health,” Fleisher and Mateen argue that there is a crucial need for neurologic expertise in resource-limited settings and offer practical advice about contributing in “ethical, informed, and sustainable ways in tandem with local health care providers when possible.” This issue also features lively discussion among our authors and readers in our correspondence section, The Nerve! Shubhakaran and Khichar explain how osteoporosis is particularly vexing in the Indian population and offer advice for prevention and management.

Let this international focus embolden us to work together on small and large scales to improve the lives of our patients in meaningful ways.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Corboy".

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