Adding to the neurologist’s toolkit

Every practicing neurologist relies on a set of skills, expertise, and resources to evaluate patients and make diagnostic and treatment decisions with a goal of maximizing favorable patient outcomes. In this issue of Neurology® Clinical Practice (NCP), we seek to add substantially to your practice toolkit.

Two articles and an accompanying editorial by Marrie and Racke (p. 288) discuss the care of patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) in clinical practice. Tornatore et al. (p. 329) surveyed US neurologists to assess current practice patterns in patients with radiologically isolated syndrome, clinically isolated syndrome, and relapsing-remitting MS to identify areas of consensus. Hua and Cohen (p. 369) explore the development and approval of generic disease-modifying therapies for MS.

Advanced imaging and Web-based tools add to the neurologist’s arsenal. Goedee et al. (p. 293) studied the usefulness of sonography to detect nerve involvement in vasculitic neuropathy and Soni et al. (p. 358) describe how ultrasound can help guide performance of lumbar puncture. Sauro et al. (p. 304) conducted usability testing of an online tool to determine candidacy for epilepsy surgery evaluation and provide guidance on how to improve clinical decision tools by engaging key stakeholders.

In our Five New Things series, Hsieh et al. (p. 339) discuss recent advances in diagnosis and treatment of patients with tuberous sclerosis complex and Willemsen et al. (p. 348) examine emerging issues in neurometabolic disorders, emphasizing diagnostic workup and future challenges in patient care.

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