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Issue highlights

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This issue of Neurology® Clinical Practice features a spotlight on headache with an introductory editorial by Richard Lipton (p. 182) and fascinating articles on a variety of important aspects of headache care.

Turner et al. (p. 187) describe a quality improvement project undertaken to analyze their practice’s performance on the AAN Headache Quality Measures. The authors specifically targeted 3 underperforming measures for improvement and successfully changed provider behavior and system workflows, leading to a major reduction in the number of patients with headache presenting to the emergency department for acute management.

Dave et al. (p. 263) provide commentary on the available evidence and opinions from internationally diverse experts on our latest Practice Current topic: “How do you diagnose and treat post-concussive headache?” Section Editor Luca Bartolini notes that the preliminary survey results “highlight the extremely important role of non-pharmacological interventions and lifestyle modification in the management of post-concussive headache.”

Weissman et al. (p. 241) provide an overview of the recently released guidelines on pediatric mild traumatic brain injury and offer a snapshot of key practice-changing strategies for neurologists on the care of these patients.

In a provocative commentary, Lal and Caplan (p. 256) provide a review of the controversy associated with the diagnosis of ophthalmoplegic migraine (OM). The authors present 2 new cases, thoroughly review the pertinent literature of previous cases, and ultimately propose that OM should be considered along with recurrent painful ophthalmoplegic neuropathy in painful ophthalmoplegic syndromes.

Chelse et al. (p. 194) present a single-center retrospective analysis designed to investigate the prevalence of a new headache after pediatric stroke, the characteristics of patients experiencing poststroke headache, and the associations between poststroke headache and stroke recurrence.

Finally, in our popular Five New Things series, Peter Goadsby (p. 233) offers an authoritative summary of new developments in the clinical management of headache, observing “for the most common reason to visit a neurologist, therapeutic advances offer patients reduced disability and neurologists a rewarding, key role in improving the lives of those with migraine and cluster headache.”

In addition to manuscripts focused on headache, this issue features engaging articles on the topics of epilepsy and stroke. George et al. (p. 201) explore results from a previous Practice Current survey on differences in treatment of epilepsy in pregnancy. Merino and Tavarez (p. 185) pen an editorial to accompany a pair of articles on vascular variants and the evaluation of patients with acute stroke.

We welcome your feedback on this issue and invite suggestions for making Neurology: Clinical Practice a valuable resource for you and your colleagues.

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