



December 2014 News

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New feature

WIKISTIM users can now create and download a table displaying multiple SCS citations all at once as a comma separated values (CSV) file, which can then be read, edited, and saved in a wide variety of formats, e.g., Excel. We will soon extend this functionality to the other sections of WIKISTIM.

Funding update

We were delighted and surprised to receive two unsolicited donations in November. Greatbatch sent us \$5000 in recognition of the usefulness of WIKISTIM to its employees, and B. Todd Sitzman, MD, MPH, made an individual donation of \$500 and told us that “WIKISTIM's readily accessible database is invaluable to my practice. The benefits of WIKISTIM should be obvious to all SCS implanters, academic and private practice.” Dr. Sitzman also said, “Despite your efforts, I don't think that most physicians know of this resource.”

We thank Greatbatch and Dr. Sitzman and will redouble our efforts to spread the word about WIKISTIM even as we continue to develop the content and functionality of this resource.

How you can help

- Please consider supporting WIKISTIM before the end of 2014 with a tax-deductible donation to The Neuromodulation Foundation, Inc.
- Spread the word about WIKISTIM.
- Submit extracted data from published reports of your choice or use our datasheets as a guide when you write your paper and submit the datasheet to us upon journal acceptance.
- Notify us about any reports we might have missed for SCS, DRG, and DBS/OCD or reports you would like to see added for DBS/PD.
- Suggest website improvements (and thanks to those who have done this—we have incorporated your suggestions).
- Suggest potential donors.
- Nominations remain open for the position of Sacral Nerve Stimulation Section Editor (and thanks to those of you who have send in nominations).

Status update

We believe WIKISTIM coverage of reports containing primary data is comprehensive to date for SCS, DRG, and DBS for OCD.

Growth and accomplishments:

- 6 new SCS citations for 1662 total

- 19 total DRG
- 1 new DBS for OCD for 89 total
- 12 new DBS for PD for 1116 total
- 5 new subscribers for 124 total
- DBS category list received its final pre-publication review
- Communicated successfully with Google to fix the search function, which had stopped working consistently in October
- Created an “About Us” link to list the Editorial Board, FAQs, Links, and Supporters
- Prepared electronic versions of 2 posters for NANS 2014: 1) Data category lists: Tools to improve study design, publication, peer review, and evidence-based analyses and 2) WIKISTIM now includes SCS, DRG, and DBS

In process:

- Uploading the “About Us” link with its content
- Adding full-text links to the *Neuromodulation* journal publisher’s site
- Uploading DBS data category list
- Adding PNS and other sections
- Extending multiple citation table function beyond SCS section
- Creating links from WIKISTIM data fields (e.g., “migration”) back to the appropriate pages in the “Practice Parameters for the Use of Spinal Cord Stimulation for Neuropathic Pain” (see neuromodfound.org) and updating those entries
- Ongoing quality control (testing search results, adding synonyms for accented words, updating epub, etc.)

Financial support

Support for 2015:

- Greatbatch
- B. Todd Sitzman, MD, MPH
- The NANS Foundation (3-year grant commitment starting Dec 2014)

We are grateful for the ongoing support of these nonprofits:

- The North American Neuromodulation Society (publicity and NANS conference registration)
- The International Neuromodulation Society (publicity)
- The Neuromodulation Foundation (parent non-profit, overhead and development)

Support during 2014:

- Boston Scientific (grant for development)
- Greatbatch (travel grant to Mechanisms conference)
- Medtronic (grant for development)
- Neurovations/Napa Pain Institute (Mechanisms conference registration and conference booth for publicity)
- St. Jude Medical (grant for development)

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Disclosure

WIKISTIM includes citations for indications that are or might be considered off-label in the United States.

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