

November 2015 News

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NEW SEARCH ENGINE BEING TESTED

As much as we love Google, the relevance rules that govern Google search results are not congruent with the needs of WIKISTIM users. This has been a worry since we went live, and the attendant problem became abundantly clear when we tested the search engine by filling in the OCD indication field on appropriate papers with a simple "yes." When this did not trigger the appearance of all of the OCD papers as the result of a search for OCD (the only papers that appeared were those with OCD in the title), we knew we had to make a change. We are now engaged in the final testing of a search engine that will not only yield the specific results we want, it will not require waiting for a third party (Google) to crawl the site. Thus, all of our additions and changes will show up immediately. We are pleased that altogether this change will give us more control over our content and make WIKISTIM even more valuable to its users.

KUDOS

Dr. Thomas Abell, our new Gastric Electrical Stimulation editor, surprised us with a generous donation in October. We thank Dr. Abell for his enthusiastic support of WIKISTIM.

Nancy Garcia, INS Public Education & Website Manager, once again highlighted WIKISTIM in the INS newsletter. We thank Ms. Garcia for being a steadfast fan of WIKISTIM.

END OF YEAR DONATION REMINDER

For your convenience, the top of the WIKISTIM <u>home page</u> has a <u>DONATE</u> button that links to our PayPal account.

ABSTRACT ACCEPTED FOR NANS

We are pleased that Dr. North will be presenting our latest WIKISTIM abstract at the 19th Annual Meeting of the North American Neuromodulation Society in Las Vegas, December 10-13, 2015.

CURRENT STATUS

Our 10 new subscribers in September increased our total to 269, with 308 people receiving this newsletter. Please continue to encourage your colleagues to read <u>ABOUT</u> WIKISTIM and register for access to our free resource. The <u>ABOUT</u> section includes descriptions of all of WIKISTIM's unique resources that we have detailed in previous newsletters.

November 1st numbers (see appendix below for list of new citations)

- 274 subscribers (5 new)
- SCS citations 1818 (8 new)
- DBS citations 1594 (12 new)
- SNS citations 734 (8 new)
- PNS citations 26 (list remains preliminary)
- DRG citations 30
- GES citations 468 (1 new)

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Secure continued funding
- Continue to make quality improvements
- Encourage people to earn CME credits by filling in datasheets
- Transform our datasheets into forms that can be completed online with the addition of check boxes where appropriate (e.g., under "Study Design")
- Include additional sections, with VNS next in line
- Optimize performance on various platforms (screen sizes, browser types, etc.)
- Create forms for online data submission, with easy checkboxes when applicable
- Link data fields to additional information (e.g., descriptions and preferred uses of study designs and outcome criteria, authors' CVs, etc.)
- Incorporate cutting edge data visualization graphics that will update immediately as data are extrapolated from papers and uploaded
- Offer a dynamic user experience, including the ability to save searches and customize the way
 the site behaves

HOW THE NEUROSTIMULATION COMMUNITY CAN HELP

- Submit extracted data from published reports of your choice, or use our datasheets as a guide when you write your paper and then submit the datasheet to us upon journal acceptance.
- Notify us about any reports we might have missed that contain primary data on SCS, SNS, DRG, PNS, GES, DBS/OCD, DBS/Epilepsy, 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 to the best of our ability).

SUPPORT

Fund-raising efforts

WIKISTIM remains free of charge, including the acquisition of CME credits, and keeping it that way remains our goal.

We continue to spend much of our time raising the \$150,000 per year we need for the continued development and support of WIKISTIM. Every minute devoted to fund-raising is time we would prefer to devote to WIKISTIM. In August, we increased the amount of time we spent consulting, even as we applied for a grant with a major device company and prepared for additional submissions. Grant support is essential because our consulting income is not sufficient to cover our budget.

When people understand the value of WIKISTIM, they are enthusiastic about what it offers now and the additional benefits it will provide as it expands in depth and scope. We have even had researchers ask about adapting the WIKISTIM model to other therapies.

If you can, please support WIKISTIM with a fully tax-deductible <u>donation</u> to The Neuromodulation Foundation, Inc. (a 501c(3) charitable organization). Donations of any amount are welcome and will be gratefully acknowledged. (See reminder above about donating through PAYPAL.)

If you work for a company in our field or have a relationship with an executive, please suggest that the company favorably consider grant applications from WIKISTIM.

Financial support to date for 2015 (listed alphabetically by first name):

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- Greatbatch
- Medtronic
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- NEVRO
- Richard B. North, MD
- Thomas Abell, MD

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

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

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