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Newsletter #2

NANS 2013

We will present our WIKISTIM abstract and handout WIKISTIM bookmarks next week at NANS 2013 (the annual conference of the North American Neuromodulation Society, attendance will exceed 1000). Our goal for this meeting is to raise awareness of the benefits that WIKISTIM already offers and the incalculable value it will bring to the field when data population is complete for all neuromodulation therapies. If you plan to attend NANS, we hope you will help us spread the word about WIKISTIM.

November Accomplishments

- Updated language on the homepage to reflect our plans to include all neuromodulation therapies
- Added a HELP page with answers to a list of (potential) FAQs
- Made the list of searchable papers open alphabetically by author
- In the list of searchable papers, linked both the author(s) and the title to the specific datasheet
- Reduced the potential for confusion on the downloadable “submit data” forms
- Conducted monthly search of PUBMED, acquired PDFs, and added papers to WIKISTIM
- Applied for grants from two sources
- Improved the quality of entries
- Established a WIKISTIM gmail account
- Added synonyms to custom search engine
- Incorporated changes based on feedback

December Goals

- Triple the number of registered users
- Increase awareness of the benefits and potential of WIKISTIM
- Apply for funding from additional sources and have conversations with key people
- Explore ways to extend our search capacity to other neuromodulation therapies (DBS, PNS, etc.) with the goal of safe-guarding the specificity and sensitivity of our search results
- Determine which additional data categories we'll need when we expand in scope (e.g., to experimental studies)
- Continue quality control
- Continue to develop content by completing more datasheets, searching PUBMED for new papers, acquiring PDFs, and adding citations
- Link appropriate datasheets with the *Practice Parameters for the Use of Spinal Cord Stimulation in the Treatment of Chronic Neuropathic Pain* (neuromodfound.org)
- Submit paper to *Neuromodulation*
- Continue to solicit feedback

WIKISTIM Saves Search Time

Assume you need a list of clinical papers to support third party authorization for a prospective cervical SCS patient:

Search terms	PUBMED hits	Google Scholar hits	WIKISTIM hits
Cervical and SCS	207	9990	74
Cervical and "spinal cord stimulation"	214	6010	73

Assume you need to find a clinical SCS paper by a particular author:

Search terms	PUBMED hits	Google Scholar hits	WIKISTIM hits
North RB	83	1,770,000	34

Try it yourself at wikistim.org/search/

Features of WIKISTIM

- Published neuromodulation data abstracted and categorized
- Custom Google search engine
- Users download datasheets
- Users submit data from published papers
- Discussion of papers unlimited by time and space
- Links to PUBMED abstracts and to SCS Practice Parameters (neuromodfound.org)

Goals of WIKISTIM

- Improve patient care
- Support reimbursement efforts
- Facilitate regulatory submissions
- Improve quality of report
- Inspire research and innovation
- Increase communication

Thank you for your continued interest in WIKISTIM!

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