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Status update as of July 31st

We are pleased to announce that we exceeded 100 subscribers by 6 in July!

During the few short weeks before vacation, we decided to delay the uploading of additional citations until we finish making the adjustments necessary to complete our expansion of the website to include discrete sections for various neuromodulation therapies. We have continued to prepare for next month's addition of more than 1,000 citations for DBS for Parkinson's disease, and we have identified researchers interested in categories of data reporting for DBS.

We drafted our abstract for submission to NANS 2014, and we resumed work on the draft manuscript describing WIKISTIM that we plan to submit to Neuromodulation.

No news on the funding front

WIKISTIM remains secure through November 2014, and we remain optimistic about its future.

August plans (part of August will also be reserved for vacation)

- Finalize first round of DBS data categories
- Upload DBS for Parkinson's citations
- Update SCS and DBS for OCD citations
- Review site to make quality improvements
- Submit paper to Neuromodulation
- Submit abstract to NANS

How you can help

- Support WIKISTIM with a tax-deductible donation to The Neuromodulation Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization. Our address appears below; please contact janeshipley@gmail.com with questions about donations.
- Spread the word (see below)
- Submit extracted SCS data
- Notify us about any reports we might have missed for SCS and DBS/OCD
- Suggest improvements to the SCS data categories.

Points you can make about WIKISTIM

Who will use WIKISTIM? Everyone in our field!

- Authors who write a series of papers can use WIKISTIM to confirm that data reported in a new paper are congruent with data reported in a prior paper. Over the years we have seen several cases of data discrepancy. WIKISTIM should help reduce this
- Busy clinicians who need answers to clinical questions or literature support for reimbursement
- Representatives of industry who are seeking regulatory approval or need comparative data for approved devices
- Researchers who want to determine research needs, review background information, prepare evidence tables, etc.
- Authors working on scientific publications who could profitably search WIKISTIM and, if they are writing a protocol or research report, could use the WIKISTIM data category template as an outline for their work (and could then

submit the completed datasheet to us as soon as their report is accepted for publication, expediting entry and facilitating readership and citation)

- Authors and readers who wish to query and correct inconsistencies in published scientific papers
- Critical thinkers who want to discuss published reports without the typical space and time limitations of Letters to the Editor
- Investors and other interested lay people who are exploring neuromodulation therapy
- Regulatory agencies and third-party payers who need a basis for decision-making

Features of WIKISTIM

- Subscription remains free
- Published neuromodulation data abstracted and categorized
- Custom Google search engine
- Users download datasheets and can perform their own meta-analyses
- 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)
- Includes citations that are not listed on PUBMED

Goals of WIKISTIM

- Improved patient care
- Support for reimbursement
- Facilitated regulatory submissions
- Improved quality of published reports
- Inspiration for research and innovation
- Increased communication that will extend the useful life of published reports

Disclosure

WIKISTIM includes citations of studies of the use of neuromodulation therapies for indications that are or might be considered off-label or experimental in the United States.

Thank you for your continued interest in WIKISTIM!

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