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In July we broke another record for new subscribers

In July, 20 people subscribed to WIKISTIM, which is a record for a month when we didn't attend a national or international neuromodulation meeting. This brings our total to 237, with 275 people receiving this newsletter. Part of this increase is due to the help we are receiving from the INS, which included a nice article about WIKISTIM in its July newsletter. It would be wonderful if each of you would encourage at least one additional colleague to register in August!

New! Our new GES section is now live

With the help of Thomas Abell, MD, our new section on Gastric Electrical Stimulation, is now live, a month ahead of our goal of having it on-line by Labor Day. The initial curated list comprises 462 citations of publications that report primary data. The GES data sheet is finished and will be online soon.

New! WIKISTIM will publish poster PDFs

Often, of necessity due to space requirements, posters presented at scientific meetings are only published later in journals as text abstracts, without their illustrations. WIKISTIM will now publish online the complete PDFs of posters that were accepted by the INS and annual scientific meetings of regional INS chapters if the posters present primary data on SCS, PNS, SNS, GES, DBS, or DRG and if the authors also submit a completed WIKISTIM datasheet. Email wikistim@gmail.com for submission information.

CME credit update

We thank the staff of WVSIPP for working with us to set up the process for offering CME credits to those who complete WIKISTIM data sheets. Details will be forthcoming soon! Please refer to the July WIKISTIM newsletter, available on the website, for preliminary information about this important service.

Crucial fund-raising efforts

We continue to spend much of our time trying to raise the \$150,000 per year we need to continue the work of The Neuromodulation Foundation, Inc., in particular the continued development of WIKISTIM. Every minute devoted to fund-raising is time we would prefer to devote to WIKISTIM. We have the capacity of earning money through our consulting activities, and in August, we will be increasing the amount of time we spend earning income this way.

As we have noted in previous newsletters, 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. Our challenge is to introduce the site and the concept upon which it is based to enough people with the imagination and foresight to see the role WIKISTIM will play in the publication, dissemination, and analysis of neurostimulation data.

If you have a relationship with an executive of any company in our field that will allow you to suggest that he or she consider supporting WIKISTIM, we would be most grateful. We will be happy to email our basic grant application package to you at your request to wikistim@gmail.com.

WIKISTIM is an initiative of The Neuromodulation Foundation, Inc., which is a recognized 501c(3) charitable organization in the USA. We also gratefully accept and acknowledge individual donations and are working to institution a mechanism to donate directly through the website.

August 1st citation numbers

Staff vacation break during the last two weeks of July made it necessary to postpone the monthly citation update until the beginning of this month. Thus, with the exception of the addition of 462 citations added in the new GES section, and a slight correction to the SCS section that reflects quality control during July to eliminate duplicates, these numbers remain the same as we reported last month. Going forward, the search and update will take place during the first week of each month, which offers the advantage of allowing us to have a more current "date updated" noted on the search page of each section.

- SCS 1793
- DBS PK or general 1213
- DBS OCD 101
- DBS Epilepsy 228
- SNS 715
- PNS 26 (list is preliminary)
- DRG 22
- GES 462, all new

How to use WIKISTIM

The searchable, collaborative website, WIKISTIM.org, uses customized data categories and fields to display neurostimulation data from curated lists of published reports (or those accepted for publication) containing primary data. These lists are organized by stimulation target and updated monthly.

WIKISTIM's data category lists each contain nearly 200 fields organized into appropriate groups, customized and available for download from the SUBMIT page for several stimulation targets: [SCS](#), [DRG](#), [DBS](#), [PNS](#), and [SNS](#) (with GES in the works).

In their raw form, these data sheets can serve as checklists for authors writing research reports and peer reviewers assessing a manuscript.

Completed data sheets can be used by investigators to review background information, prepare evidence tables, craft study protocols, and determine research needs.

Completed datasheets (currently available for SCS, DRG, and PNS) can be downloaded as a group from the relevant list of searchable papers or from search results to create evidence tables that can be manipulated in response to specific needs, including meta-analysis. Thus, WIKISTIM provides literature support to answer clinical questions and aid in reimbursement and payment decisions.

WIKISTIM is a collaborative project: users can submit content, query and correct inconsistencies in published scientific papers, and discuss published reports without space or time limits.

WIKISTIM links to PUBMED abstracts and to the [SCS Practice Parameters](#). WIKISTIM subscription remains free.

How you can help

- Spread the word about WIKISTIM. (Links to all past newsletters, FAQs, and an ABOUT page are available on the [home page](#) outside of the registration firewall.)
- 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 that contain primary data on SCS, SNS, DRG, PNS, 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).
- Suggest potential donors.
- Please consider supporting WIKISTIM with a tax-deductible donation to The Neuromodulation

Foundation, Inc.

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

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- Greatbatch
- Medtronic
- The NANS Foundation
- Neurovations/Napa Pain Institute (Mechanisms conference registration and conference booth for publicity)
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