



October 2015 News

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO WIKISTIM!**

Today marks the second anniversary of the launch of WIKISTIM. Two years ago, WIKISTIM became public with just an SCS section and only 500 citations. Because of the enthusiastic support of the neuromodulation community, WIKISTIM now has six sections complete with data categories and more than 4000 citations of reports containing primary data listed by stimulation target.

As resources become available, we plan to:

- 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

### **NEW in OCTOBER**

#### **It is now possible to donate to WIKISTIM via PAYPAL**

For your convenience, the top of the WIKISTIM [home page](#) now has a [DONATE](#) button that links to our new PayPal account. Our Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Richard North, tested this process with a generous gift the day we installed it. *A note from Jane: On behalf of all WIKISTIM users, the Editorial Board thanks Dr. North for his donation as well as for the countless volunteer hours he dedicates to WIKISTIM.*

#### **GES data category list available**

We are also pleased to announce that the GES data sheet is now available online. This data sheet and those for the other stimulation targets can be downloaded from the WIKISTIM [SUBMIT](#) page for use in study design, research report preparation, peer review, and of course, WIKISTIM submissions.

### **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 [ABOUT](#) WIKISTIM and register for

access to our free resource. The [ABOUT](#) section includes descriptions of all of WIKISTIM's unique resources that we have detailed in previous newsletters.

### **October 1st citation numbers**

- SCS 1818 (8 new)
- DBS PK or general 1245 (12 new)
- DBS OCD 103
- DBS Epilepsy 233 (1 new)
- SNS 726 (6 new)
- PNS 26 (list remains preliminary)
- DRG 30
- GES 467 (2 new)

### **PLANS FOR OCTOBER**

#### **In October, we plan to**

- Broaden our grant requests beyond the neuromodulation community
- Increase the depth of our search engine's return of relevant results
- Continue to make quality improvements
- Fine-tune the process by which people can earn CME credits
- Begin the process of transforming our datasheets into forms that can be completed online with the addition of check boxes where appropriate (e.g., under "Study Design")

### **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 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 extrapolating the WIKISTIM model to other therapies.

If you can, please support WIKISTIM with a fully tax-deductible [donation](#) to The Neuromodulation Foundation, Inc. (a 501c(3) charitable organization). Donations of any amount are welcome and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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

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- B. Todd Sitzman, MD, MPH
- Greatbatch
- Medtronic
- The NANS Foundation (3-year grant commitment started 2014)
- NEVRO
- Richard B. North, MD

**Ongoing in-kind support:**

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

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