What are the Unique Aspects of WIKISTIM?

Curated citation lists
WIKISTIM is the only searchable source of neurostimulation citations curated by experts to list only publications that report primary data, including off-label studies and those missing from PUBMED. WIKISTIM citations are updated monthly and link to available PUBMED entries and, for those in Neuromodulation: Technology at the Neural Interface, to the publisher. In conjunction with WIKISTIM’s customized free-text search capacity, this feature offers the best means available of obtaining the information and evidence needed to support practice decisions, respond to reimbursement challenges, etc., because . . .

- Search results obtained using non-specialized citation depositories (e.g., PubMed) are non-specific & insensitive (full of “noise”; incomplete).
- The literature is extensive, and access to a variety of journals is expensive & time-consuming.
- Meta-analyses, HTAs, “guidelines,” & literature reviews are not reproducible, can introduce stubborn mistakes into the canon, are immediately out-of-date, and only answer the authors’ specific questions (i.e., responds to the authors’ biases).

Customized data sheets
WIKISTIM is the only source of data sheets that comprise a large number (~200) of fields customized by experts in the fields of SCS, DRG, DBS, PNS, SNS, and GES (with more sections planned). These sheets support abstraction of primary data using narrative or numeric entries and offer an excellent way for our field to improve study design and the publication/dissemination of results.

- As a preview tool, the data sheets remind researchers and writers to include important information in studies and reports before peer review (thus, use of WIKISTIM data sheets can have a substantive positive effect on study design and, therefore, results).
- WIKISTIM data sheets are also useful aids to peer review.
- When viewed online, completed data sheets display all group headings and only the fields with data entered.
- When downloaded for offline viewing, completed data sheets display all groups and all fields (completed or blank) in tabular format.
- Because multiple data sheets can be downloaded into a single table, they are excellent
tools for the *review* and comparison of results across studies.

**CME credits**

WIKISTIM offers the *only* opportunity for HCPs, *on their own initiative,* to earn CME credits while simultaneously contributing to the field by completing WIKISTIM data sheets.

- Completion of WIKISTIM data sheets requires a careful and thorough examination of scientific reports.
- This activity helps and encourages those seeking CMEs to become familiar with the literature, with study design, etc.
- The completed data sheets can easily be assigned to CME categories (1- to 3-hours) based on their complexity.
- The CME activity can be completed anywhere.
- Completion of the data sheets requires the HCP’s attention, not just attendance.
- Completion of data sheets facilitates access to data in the field because they can be downloaded by anyone into a table to support rapid, up-to-date analysis and comparison.

*Some journals offer CME credit to HCPs who have been invited to conduct peer review.*

**Publication of poster PDFs**

WIKISTIM is the *only* website that 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.