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We are happy to report that even in the midst of summer vacation season, WIKISTIM received 20 new registrants this month. We thank everyone who is helping us spread the word about WIKISTIM by sharing this email with your colleagues.

AUGUST 2017 STATUS

- 561 subscribers
- DBS citations 3786
- DRG citations 54
- GES citations 481
- PNS citations 49
- SCS citations 2072
- SNS citations 849

GES SECTION TO BE RENAMED GIS

Dr. Jiande Chen (of Johns Hopkins) suggested that we expand the GES (gastric electrical stimulation) section to include all GIS (gastrointestinal stimulation) citations covering the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, rectum and anus). We will be implementing this change but will continue to limit our monthly update to The new name will expand the section to allow inclusion of any papers reporting primary data on stimulation in these additional anatomic areas, which Dr. Chen's students will hyper-abstract.

PROGRESS ON IMMEDIATE GOALS

We are getting close to releasing a version of WIKISTIM that will have an improved appearance and functionality on small screens. This will further our collaboration with Dr. Prasad Shirvalkar and Dr. Lawrence Poree , who are working with the NANS Residents and Fellows Section to maintain a list of landmark neuromodulation articles and make details from these studies readily available.

This month, we added DBS citations for Tourette's syndrome and Alzheimer's disease. This newsletter lists only those published in 2017, but the database now contains everything we could find that reports primary data. Also this month, we plan to include the remaining indications for DBS (e.g., anorexia and addiction).

We also continue to plan and develop improvements to the wiki-abstraction data entry process.

LONGER-TERM GOALS

- Continue building the PNS section.
- Build the non-invasive brain stimulation section.
- Add additional sections (e.g., VNS).

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

CITATIONS OF NEW PAPERS THAT REPORT PRIMARY DATA ADDED AUGUST 2017

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