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WIKISTIM DEVELOPMENT NEWS

In the past month, we added hundreds of citations to our peripheral nerve stimulation (PNS) section, expanding it beyond our previous narrow focus on field stimulation. We also added a feature to the SEARCH pages that allows users to sort the search results. At this time, one must hit SEARCH again after choosing a display preference. We have also added a timer indicator for pages that might take longer than a few seconds to load. We are always happy when we can enhance the WIKISTIM user experience!

EVENTS OF INTEREST

The inability to hold in-person educational conferences has inspired professional associations and non-profit educational groups in our field to create excellent Webinars. Next Tuesday, October 6, NANS is hosting a webinar on "Caring for Patients with Neuromodulation during COVID." This session will start at 5pm EDT and is open to all who [register](#) by 4:30 EDT the day of the event.

When the announcement of such events arrives after our newsletter has gone out, we will send out a short notice to WIKISTIM registrants. Thus, you might have noticed our recent email announcing a NANS webinar and one last month for Neurovations. Please rest assured that we send out such notices ourselves because we do not release our email lists. In each case, the events were free, and we were pleased to note that many WIKISTIM subscribers open the emails and click on the links.

FROM ONE MONTH TO THE NEXT

Here we are in October—entering our fourth season of a pandemic that has brought an immense loss of life and economic devastation in some sectors. Never in our lifetime has so much of vital and widespread importance rested on health care providers, researchers, and health policy-makers. Never have we seen politics have such a clear impact in these areas as the narrative of the pandemic has been shaped and reshaped to further goals beyond the survival of at-risk populations.

While the body politic has been busy in this arena, researchers continue to try to shed light on perplexing aspects of SARS-CoV-2, such as how best to treat those who become infected, why

transmission appears to occur without a clear pattern, and why some patients have mild cases while others die. Skipping over changes in the treatment paradigm, which happen on a regular basis, we'd like to point out an interesting article on transmission: "[This Overlooked Variable Is the Key to the Pandemic It's not R.](#)" The variable is k , which is used to determine the pattern in which a virus spreads (individually or in clusters). This article notes that Vitamin D levels (among other factors considered) do not explain variations in transmission. Other interesting [research](#), however, finds that low levels of Vitamin D might contribute to a poor outcome after infection. Finally, researchers who have joined those attempting to reveal a propensity of a patient to a severe case after infection report an increased risk of severe respiratory infection among infected patients with a specific genetic cluster inherited from the Neanderthals. The full text of this article, published in early-view in *Nature*, is available through [open access](#).

As always, we thank those of you on the front lines of health care in these trying times and hope that all of the members of the WIKISTIM community are and remain safe and healthy.

OCTOBER 2020 STATISTICS

Membership

In September, the number of our subscribers grew to 1343. Thank you for helping to spread the word!

Number of citations in each section

- DBS 5708, with 2 completed WIKISTIM abstracts
- DRG 142, with 9 completed WIKISTIM abstracts
- GES 501
- PNS 419
- SCS 2574 with 132 completed or partially completed WIKISTIM abstracts
- SNS 1036

CITATIONS ADDED FROM SEARCH ON September 25, 2020

Please note that we always provide full-text links to articles published in the journal *Neuromodulation*: some of these are free and others are not. All links that point to free full-text articles are labeled as such. Also, please see below for the list of citations that received the most-clicks last month.

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