

Editorial

□ A message from the SNO President-Elect

It is a real honour for me to welcome you to the inaugural issue of *Progress in Neuroscience* (PiN), the new official journal of SNO, the Italian Society of Hospital Neurologists, Neurosurgeons and Neuroradiologists. PiN is a new quarterly international peer-reviewed journal, dedicated to the practice and performance of Clinical Neurosciences in the hospital setting, among other, wide-ranging topics.

What role can PiN play among the multitude of medical journals already in circulation? In the United States of America, a new name has already been given to those physicians whose clinical work occurs chiefly in the inpatient setting: "Neurohospitalists". This definition, as far as the Italian hospital network is concerned, includes not only stroke neurologists, but also neurosurgeons, interventional neuroradiologists, neurointensivists and neurorehabilitation physicians. In order to cater for these specialists, PiN nurtures the ambition to encompass research on neurological conditions encountered in settings ranging from the emergency room and the neurological intensive care unit to acute rehabilitation centres.

Due to their intimacy with the inpatient environment, Neurohospitalists, like medical, surgical, and paediatric hospitalists before them, are involved in quality and safety initiatives on a daily basis. In Italy, as well as in Europe and in many countries around the world, there is currently growing attention and concern of the public, the government, and medical societies regarding the safety and quality of the care we deliver, particularly in the hospital setting. PiN would like to become the ideal forum for discussion of these quality and safety issues, as well as systems and metrics, in

the field of clinical neurology. That being said, it is not our aim to focus entirely on health care quality; in fact, our journal will feature original research related to neurological conditions encountered in the inpatient realm. Indeed, PiN will address: neurocritical care and emergency neurology; the diagnosis and treatment of inpatient neurological diseases and disorders; validated approaches to healthcare quality, systems, and outcomes; implementation of evidence-based practice; performance measures and patient safety; the challenge of maintaining a network of acute neurology wards within the Italian National and Regional Health System; neurology residencies and fellowship training; in-hospital team building and education; and, last but not least, medical-legal and ethical issues.

We therefore encourage submission of original clinically oriented research dedicated to the wide range of neurological conditions encountered in hospital practice. Clinical trials and comparative effectiveness studies are very welcome. We will also accept case reports and medical education research.

As Italian Neurohospitalists are first and foremost clinicians concerned with the everyday care of patients, PiN will also provide up-to-date reviews and discussions of challenging cases in the form of clinical pathological conferences or clinical rounds. We know we are setting out on a challenging path, but it is one we hope to walk together with all our Neurohospitalist colleagues, from both Italy and further afield.



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