

Introduction

We are pleased to present another issue of *NeuroRehabilitation*, focusing on a variety of topics. Subjects especially relevant to clinical practice are discussed. Within this issue, Benrud-Larson and Wegener provide a review of the research on prevalence, severity, and impact of chronic pain in rehabilitation populations. Groups discussed include individuals with spinal cord injury, amputation, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, and stroke. Bailey, Riddoch and Crome report on their research with a test battery for hemineglect in elderly stroke patients. Recommendations for test selection are given. Kolakowsky-Hayner and colleagues present research on the validation of the Service Obstacles Scale, a measure developed to assess obstacles to service delivery for individuals with traumatic brain injury.

Two pilot studies are also included in this issue of

NeuroRehabilitation. Kollen et al. investigate the carry-over effects on comfortable walking speed after overloading the lower hemiparetic extremity in patients with chronic deficits from an ischaemic middle cerebral artery infarction. Toole and colleagues report results of their study which aimed to determine if a balance and strength training program could improve equilibrium and strength in persons with stage I-III Parkinsonism. Both studies provide practical information for clinicians.

We are grateful to our authors for sharing their work and scientific expertise. We hope you find their ideas thought provoking and helpful.

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