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## Introduction

Many readers may be aware that *NeuroRehabilitation* is in a state of transition. We are increasing the number of annual issues and encouraging submission of manuscripts describing original research. In a sense, this issue of our journal reflects the transition process. Contained are a series of manuscripts on the topic of agitation in brain injury. Also included are four manuscripts on diverse topics.

The manuscripts describing issues related to agitation were written by Bogner, Gervasio, Deaton, Sandel, and their colleagues. Bogner and Corrigan review clinical and research literature on agitation, describing historically different ideas concerning incidence and appropriate terminology. Sandel, Zwil, and Fugate discuss interdisciplinary treatment along with issues of terminology, measurement, neuroanatomic correlates, and pharmacologic approaches to treatment. Gervasio and Matthies provide practical information regarding prevention and control of agitation throughout the continuum of neurological recovery. Finally, Deaton, Metzger, and Wheeler discuss agitation in pediatric patients, elaborating differences in behavioral manifestations and therapeutic approaches as a function of injury chronicity.

Other manuscripts in this issue focus on pediatric aspects of rehabilitation, activity in the home environment, and multiple sclerosis. Martha Bryan presents information on approaches to assessment and intervention for pediatric patients based on theories regarding early childhood development. Lash, Russo, Navalta, and Baryza present the findings of a research study pertaining to family needs following pediatric injury. Using a unique methodology, Soderback and Lilja describe home environment activity patterns among patients with cerebrovascular disease. Schwartz and Fierston review the literature on pseudobulbar disorder, evaluating alternative theories on outcome, etiology and treatment. Finally, Bewick, Raymond, Malia and Bennett present a metacognitive-learning routine for improving executive function deficits.

We have been encouraged by the diverse and informative manuscripts submitted in recent months. We are grateful to our readers for their interest in submitting manuscripts, and to Elsevier for providing a forum on neurological rehabilitation.

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