



A New Journal, A New Step, A New Energy

Over the last two decades, neurological intensive care has satisfactorily evolved into a respected medical subspecialty. The launch of *Neurocritical Care*, a journal of acute and emergency care along with a new society representing this specialty can be considered a major step forward. Neurocritical care is an expanding field in medicine with a significant growth in the number of neurological intensive care units throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. There is a desire to communicate, inform, and explore new ideas.

Neurocritical Care is a new quarterly journal intended for physicians involved in any aspect of emergency or acute neurology, neurosurgery, or neuroanesthesia, linking these disciplines together for the first time. The overriding goal is to bring the reader up to date across a broad range of critical care topics, such as mechanisms of acute brain and spine injury and its pathophysiological responses. I felt a strong need to give this journal an international appearance, and I believe a dialogue between experts from different countries is important. The editorial board includes practicing neurointensivists, but also neuroscientists, emergency physicians, and neurologists with a specific interest in certain topics, such as status epilepticus, central nervous system infections, and acute neuro-oncology and neuroethics. Neurointensivists work closely with neurosurgeons, anesthesiologists, and interventional neuroradiologists; thus, all of these specialties are represented.

There is not only considerable energy, but also prestige behind this venture. It is easy to start a journal, but it is more difficult to maintain a journal. It is natural to be skeptical about such a new enterprise because subspecialty journals are struggling. However, we are all serious academicians and work hard to solicit good work. We will try to become a major journal in the acute neurosciences in a short period of time. We have strict parameters and a scholarly focus, and we should not be considered a "glossy review journal." What we are looking for in future submissions, and what is eminently publishable, are articles with observations that foray into new territories. The journal contains original articles, several scholarly reviews, and research pertaining to acute brain injury. Some of the content topics appear in every issue; others appear incidentally.

I am grateful to Humana Press to enthusiastically steer this project, and their support is truly remarkable. Over the last year, the editorial board and many ad hoc reviewers have worked hard to be prompt and critical. I hope this journal will become known by a quick turnaround time, good acceptance odds, and high topic frequency. While we are a quarterly journal, we have some sense of a theme in every issue (cerebral hemorrhage in this issue), although the topics will be wide in scope and presentation. I invite all practitioners and researchers to contribute to this journal. Our energy is devoted to achieve a respectful, resourceful, and recognizable journal.

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