



# Stroke and Neurodegenerative Disorders

AAPM&R achieves its goal of being physiatrists' primary source of education and providing useful resources to rehabilitation professionals by offering high-quality educational activities on topics most relevant to PM&R. Decisions regarding educational subject matter are directly linked to the physicians' needs, based on data collected through the Academy's membership surveys, evaluation feedback from previous educational offerings, advice from special interest groups and councils of the Academy, and the expert opinion of AAPM&R leadership.

## **Study Guide on Rehabilitation of Stroke and Neurodegenerative Disorders**

As the field of PM&R continues to evolve, comprehensive updates on highly relevant clinical topics are necessary to keep PM&R physicians up-to-date on current research and practice trends. The *Study Guide* is an educational tool used by physiatrists and residents in PM&R as the go-to guide for clinical updates. *Study Guide* content is developed by experts in the field who practice on the cutting edge of the topic area.

This issue of the *Study Guide* will cover a variety of topics including stroke assessment, management, and treatment strategies; prevention of complications; levels of rehabilitation care; and a focused review on Parkinson's disease. The *Stroke and Neurodegenerative Disorders Study Guide* will be published in March 2009 as a supplement to the Academy's journal, *PM&R—The Journal of Injury, Function and Rehabilitation*, which has a circulation of nearly 8,000.

## **Interactive Self-Assessment Examination on Stroke and Neurodegenerative Disorders**

The AAPM&R Self-Assessment Examination for Practitioners (SAE-P) focused on the rehabilitation of stroke and neurodegenerative disorders is an interactive continuing medical education tool designed to guide both physiatrists and residents in PM&R through self-directed assessment. Due to

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progressive developments within the field of PM&R, continued self assessment on the most relevant clinical topics is necessary to keep PM&R physicians up-to-date on current research and trends.

Self assessments are also used by PM&R physicians to meet the Part II Maintenance of Certification™ requirements mandated by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR). Since nearly all Academy members are Board Certified, this program is highly utilized.

Supplemental *Study Guide* articles focused on stroke and neurodegenerative disorder topics accompany the self-assessment questions. This self-assessment is offered online via the academe site and AAPM&R will award CME credit until March 2012. It is interactive, offering learners multiple choice questions along with explanations and references specific to the clinical topic along with advanced scoring capabilities.

## **Grant Request**

Unrestricted educational grants are sought for the following educational activities:

- *Stroke and Neurodegenerative Disorders Study Guide*: \$50,000
- Interactive Self-Assessment on Stroke & Neurodegenerative Disorders: \$25,000

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