

# Broca's Area

*The Voice of Texas Neurology*



## President's Message

*J. Douglas Hudson, MD*



On a mini vacation this past June my five-year-old grandson awakened me to ask, "Does this hotel have a breakfast department?" Fortunately, it did. And now TNS has a web site department. Dial up [www.texasneurologist.org](http://www.texasneurologist.org). We can now have a department for everything a Texas neurologist would want.

Please look over the web site (which is not yet announced to the public) and let us know what you wish to be included. We can link to organizations and personal web sites, have departments for announcements, positions wanted or available, patient information, new drugs, and so on. We can start a chat line and someday make the site interactive. Some sections (departments) may best be accessed by members only.

Included in the web site is an application form for the Texas Neurological Society. If you are not a member, please print and complete the application and mail or fax it to Rachael Reed at (512) 370-1626. There is also a membership application included in this mailing if you are not yet a member. There is time for you to be voted in the TNS at our February 2001 Winter Conference in Austin (details in this *Broca's Area*).

Another 2001 project is the American Heart Association's "Operation Stroke". This is a public awareness program, which complements the TMA Stroke Project (see page 3) which is directed more to the medical professional. To make matters even more confusing, the National Stroke Association (NSA) has implemented a decade long prevention campaign. In 1998 the American Heart Association (AHA) renamed its Stroke Division the American Stroke Association. We may need a Florida ballot to keep all of this in perspective.

Neurologists, cardiologists and emergency room physicians will work together under the umbrella of the AHA. One or more of your local associations will likely contact you. With three major players bombarding the airways and newspapers, our patients will expect us to be knowledgeable of the role each will play. Competition for the same goal should be a major step forward in stroke awareness and treatment.

Conceivably, at some point the Texas Medical Association, AHA, ASA and NSA can join forces for the last big battle. Maybe TNS should become a liaison for such a coalition.

Contact me anytime at [jdh@texas.net](mailto:jdh@texas.net) or (512) 916-3646. See you in February!!

*Doug*

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## 2001-2002 Officers

The following slate of officers is presented by the 2000-2001 board of directors, and will be voted on during the 2001 business meeting at the Winter Conference in Austin.

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## Editor's Farewell

*J. Thomas Hutton, MD, PhD*

What an honor it has been to serve as the editor of *Broca's Area* for the past seven years. Following a member interest survey that determined a strong interest in a newsletter for TNS, *Broca's Area* was inaugurated. In the first issue, in 1993, I wrote, "it is vitally important that Texas neurologists have a united voice and that we stay informed." Hopefully *Broca's Area* has successfully served this message. The pace of change has only increased in medicine in recent years, and your Texas Neurological Society has addressed many issues in Texas on behalf of its members and patients.

Editing *Broca's Area* has been a labor of love. The support from the administrative staff and the officers has been tremendous. Also, without the help of my wife, Trudy, who has served as production editor, this task would not have been possible. It is now time for a fresh vision and new leadership for *Broca's Area*. With Dr. Gage Van Horn assuming the editorship, I know the future of *Broca's Area* is secure.

From time to time I hope to submit a brief article or "neurodote" for consideration in *Broca's Area*. Meanwhile, I bid a fond farewell to my neurological colleagues. I thank you for this grand experience.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The 4th Annual Stroke Management Workshop

Saturday, January 20, 2001 • 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital  
Robb Rutledge Education Center, Auditorium  
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue • Fort Worth, Texas

### Topics Presented

*Current Stroke Management*  
James C. Grotta, MD - Houston  
*Interventional Neuroradiology in 2000 A.D.*  
Phillip Purdy, MD - Dallas  
*Ethical and Legal Aspects of Tele-Medicine &  
Electronic Medical Records Communications*  
Francoise Gilbert, JD - Palo Alto, CA

### Target Audience

This conference is designed for primary care physicians, internists, neurologists, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners.

### Cost

\$60 Physicians • \$35.00 Non-Physicians

### Early Registration

RSVP by calling 214.345.4704,  
or faxing 214.345.8328.

For additional information, call  
Lugenia V. Vaughns at 817.462.6675

*Harris Methodist Health System designates this education activity for maximum of 4.0 hours of Category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician Recognition Award. Each physician should only claim those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.*

*\*This continuing medical education activity contains 1.0 hour of ethics and/or professional responsibility content as required by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.*

*\*\*Nursing CEU's applied for - approval pending*

**COMPREHENSIVE BROCHURE  
TO FOLLOW IN DECEMBER**

## Update on the TMA Stroke Project

Robert W. Fayle, MD

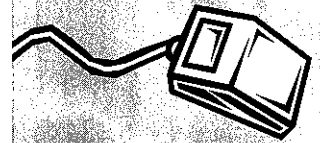
In October, 2000, a report in *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*<sup>1</sup> describes a method for measuring clinical performance in several clinical scenarios. In myocardial infarction, stroke and atrial fibrillation, Texas physicians ranked at or near the bottom of the country. While there may be questions concerning the methodology and particular quality indicators chosen, there are still lingering questions concerning the routine care of stroke patients in Texas. In an attempt to reduce the morbidity and mortality due to stroke, the TMA Stroke Prevention Project was launched in 1994. Later with the addition of relatively non-controversial treatment recommendations, it became the TMA Stroke Project (TMASP). This model is being copied on a national level.

The TMASP is a joint effort of the TMA and the American Heart Association with generous unrestricted educational grants from DuPont Pharma, Glaxo-Wellcome and Genentech. The first two-hour talk addresses pathophysiology and prevention of stroke. The third hour is aimed at prevention of stroke secondary to atrial fibrillation, including instruction on the institution and maintenance of anticoagulant therapy. A fourth hour has recently been added to cover stroke as an emergency and includes the use of thrombolytics. A fifth hour on long-term care and rehabilitation is being developed and the original programs are being revised and updated. These programs are designed to be given in one-hour talks or in a complete symposium. The talks are given on request by a voluntary speaker's panel, many of whom are TNS members.

While the intended audience is primary care physicians such as family practice doctors and internists, talks have been modified to address clinical and medical record review courses, EMT's, medical students, residents and lay groups. Since 1996, 105 programs have been given to 3493 physicians and 855 non-physicians. It is hoped that this program will help improve the care of stroke patients in Texas, but the Stroke Project message needs to be given to more doctors across the state.

I would recommend that any of these CME programs be given for hospital staff meetings or other CME activities. The Stroke Project will send a speaker to programs on request. A presentation may be scheduled by contacting Bridget Butler, TMASP Project Coordinator, via the TMA at (512) 370-1461 or (800) 880-1300, ext. 1461 or [Bridget.Butler@texmed.org](mailto:Bridget.Butler@texmed.org).

<sup>1</sup>Stephen F. Jencks, MD, PhD. *Quality of medical care delivered to Medicare beneficiaries. A profile at state and national levels. JAMA. 2000; 284: 1670-1676*



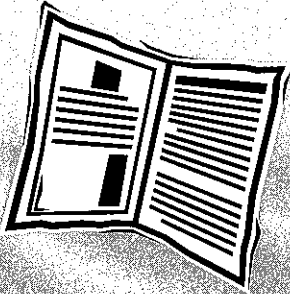
**texasneurologist.org**

TNS is pleased to announce the publication of the new TNS website!

The site is still under construction in some areas, but you can access it at [texasneurologist.org](http://texasneurologist.org).

You will have the opportunity to link your medical practice's site to the TNS site. This information will be in your dues statement.

Please visit the TNS website and give us your feedback!



## Broca's Area Call for Newsletter Articles

### Who:

Texas Neurological  
Society members

### What:

Submissions for Spring  
2001 issue of Broca's  
Area. Send in your  
paper or abstract  
for consideration.  
We also invite your  
"neurodotes," case  
anecdotes or vignettes  
about the history  
of neurology.

### Where:

Send to: Gage Van  
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uth.tmc.edu  
(e-mail format is  
preferable)

### When:

Send to Dr. Van Horn  
by Feb. 28

### Why:

To get involved with  
your society and  
communicate with  
your colleagues  
across the state.

## Bylaws Revision Suggested

By William J. Riley, MD, PhD, FAAN, FACP  
Chair, Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee

In 1999 and 2000 the board of directors at Texas Neurological Society recognized the desirability of soliciting additional input from the membership through a variety of means. The underlying belief is that the increased representation to the board and the electoral process would help the Society to best represent the diversity of interests among the membership.

The bylaws committee was instructed to consult with Davis' Rules of Order (parliamentary guide), and to scrutinize appropriate bylaws of our sister societies representing medical disciplines within the Texas Medical Association. These were undertaken and the proposed bylaws changes which would create a nominating committee with increased membership representation is proposed for your consideration for vote at the annual meeting in 2001.

### Article II - Officers Section 3 - Nominations

~~Nomination of all officers shall be made by the Board of Directors acting as a nominating committee. Nomination may also be made from the floor.~~

#### *New proposed wording:*

A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman who shall be the immediate past president of the Society, the president-elect and three members in good standing. The three additional members shall have served the Society in some post of active participation such as having been an officer, member of the board of directors (elected or ex-officio) or committee chairman. If a member of the nominating committee is to be considered for nomination to any elective post, that member shall resign from the nominating committee and a replacement appointed by the president.

The Nominating Committee shall bring forth a slate of members of the Society who are in good standing for each of the posts of president-elect, vice president, secretary-treasurer, program chair, and at-large member of the board of directors. Any person so nominated shall have given his/her prior consent to nomination and election to such post.

The Nominating Committee shall submit its slate of candidates at least (90) days prior to the annual meeting in order that there will be time for submission of such to the membership for their consideration.

Additional nominations from membership or from the floor at the annual meeting shall not be permitted. However, a signed petition of 15 or more members entitled to vote may be employed to place a name on the ballot at any time prior to the vote.

B. Qualifications: Any member nominated for consideration shall be in good standing in the Society. While no absolute requirements exist for any post, the nominating committee shall consider factors such as duration of service (3 years for president-elect and at-large board members), balance on the board of directors (such as geographic, age, gender, sub-specialty qualifications) and the opportunity to increase the number and commitment of the members serving the Society. In general, it may be desirable to consider qualifications such as prior service to the Society and demonstrated leadership in the Confederation of Medicine as a requisite for nomination to the post of president-elect. Similarly, given the historic oversight by the vice-president of the granting of awards for research, a nominee for this post should have a suitable background in neurological research.

*(If the above passes, the following will need to be changed:)*

### Article III - Duties and Terms of Office Section 1 - Duties

E. Past President - The duties of the immediate past president shall be to serve as a member of the board of directors. He/she shall provide for the historian a written account of his/her term in office *and shall serve as chairman of the nominating committee.*

# Texas Neurological Society 4th Annual Winter Conference

## "2001: A Neurological Odyssey"

### Sneak Preview-

Look for your registration materials in December.

By Steven P. Herzog, MD,  
2001 Program Chair

This year's Winter Conference should prove to be an exciting and stimulating review of current neurological topics. We are very excited with some of our return talent, as well as some new featured speakers. We have a wide range of subjects this year, all the way from "Current Uses of Botox" to the "Human Genome Project and Its Effect on the Future of Neurologic Care." Featured speakers come from around the state, our excellent institutions, as well as local medical talent. Several out-of-state speakers will be included this year.

A presentation on "Malpractice and Legal Issues" which discusses risk management will fulfill our ethics and responsibility hour. An immunology section will cover "The New Pathology of Multiple Sclerosis," "Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis," and "The New Diagnostic Criteria form Multiple Sclerosis." A cerebrovascular section will cover "The Summary of Guidelines for Stroke Prevention," "Acute Stroke Treatment," and "Post-Stroke Care." Dr. Roger Rosenberg will review the "Human Genome Project." Dr. Stan Appel will discuss "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis." Other exciting topics are also planned.

All in all, this should prove to be a comprehensive review of neurology. I have a lot to live up to after last year's conference, and we are still working on the final details. Hope to see you all in February 2001.

### Friday, February 16

**11:30 - 12:45 pm**  
Registration & Buffet Lunch with Exhibitors

**12:45 - 1 pm**  
Welcome/Announcements  
J. Douglas Hudson, MD, TNS President

*Moderator - Eugene C. Lai, MD, PhD*

**1 - 1:45 pm**  
Seizures  
BJ Wilder, MD

**1:45 - 2:30 pm**  
The Expanding Roles of Botulinum Toxin  
William Ondo, MD

**2:30 - 3 pm**  
Coffee Break

**3 - 3:45 pm**  
Young Investigator Awards  
Presented by Eugene C. Lai, MD, PhD,  
TNS Vice President

**3:45 - 4:30 pm**  
Migraine  
C. Philip O'Carroll, MD

**4:30 - 5 pm**  
Panel Discussion

### Saturday, February 17

**7 - 8 am**  
Breakfast

*Moderator - Roger Rosenberg, MD*

**8 - 9 am**  
ALS  
Stanley H. Appel, MD

**9 - 9:45 am**  
Early Diagnosis & Treatment of MS:  
A Paradigm Shift  
Elliott M. Frohman, MD, PhD

**9:45 - 10:15 am**  
Coffee Break

**10:15 - 11 am**  
The New Pathology of Multiple Sclerosis  
J. Theodore Phillips, MD, PhD

**10:45 - 11:30 am**  
New Diagnostic Criteria for MS: Proposed  
Revisions Based on Lesions from MRI and  
Clinical Trials  
Jerry Wolinsky, MD

**11:30 - 11:45**  
Panel Discussion

**11:45 - 1:30**  
Business Meeting/Change of Officers &  
Luncheon

### Saturday Afternoon

*Moderator - Stanley H. Appel, MD*

**1:30 - 2:30 pm**  
Genomic Neurology  
Roger Rosenberg, MD

**2:30 - 3:15 pm**  
Summary of Guidelines for Stroke  
Prevention  
Walter Buell, MD

**3:15 - 3:45 pm**  
Coffee Break

**3:45 - 4:30 pm**  
Acute Stroke Treatment  
Diane Solomon, MD

**4:30 - 5:15 pm**  
Post-Stroke Care  
Ralph Greenlee, MD

**5:15 - 5:45 pm**  
Panel Discussion - Appropriate Treatment  
of Selected Stroke Cases

### Saturday Afternoon -

New Pediatric Break-Out Section

*Moderator - Dilip Karnik, MD*

**2:30 - 3:15 pm**  
Management of Headache in Children  
Steven Linder, MD

**3:15 - 4 pm**  
Management of Seizures in Children:  
The Role of Standard & New AED's  
Jim Wheless, MD

**4 - 4:45 pm**  
Management of Spasticity in Children  
John Seals, MD

### Sunday, February 18

**7:00 - 8:00 am**  
Breakfast

*Moderator - J. Douglas Hudson, MD*

**8:00 - 8:45 am**  
Painful Peripheral Neuropathy  
Randy Veazey, MD, PhD

**8:45 - 9:30 am**  
Treatment of Patients with Advanced  
Parkinson's Disease: A Mixture of Art &  
Science  
Eugene C. Lai, MD, PhD

**9:30 - 9:45 am**  
Coffee Break

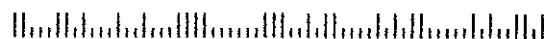
**9:45 - 10:30 am**  
Malpractice & Legal Issues -  
ethics/professional responsibility  
Bo Berry



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**Texas Neurological  
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4th Annual Winter  
Conference**

**February 16-18, 2001  
Marriott at the  
Capitol**

The Texas Neurological Society invites you and your guest to the 2001 Winter Conference and Annual Meeting to be held in beautiful downtown Austin, during the legislative session.

The Winter Conference will feature a two and one-half day CME program, social events, and exhibits.

Look for a detailed program and registration brochure this December.

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