

Erratum

Re: The Reliability of Ultrasound Measurements of Carotid Stenosis Compared to MRA and DSA.

Can J Neurol Sci. 2005; 32: 465-471

In Table 6, the data values within the table were incorrect. See Table below for correct values.

Table 6: US Parameter Value Comparison Between Our Data Values and Current Hospital Values for Stenosis >70%

	PSV		EDV		VR	
	Our Data >173(cm/s)	Current Cut-off >230(cm/s)	Our Data >54(cm/s)	Current Cut-off >70(cm/s)	Our Data >1.9	Current Cut-off >3.2
SENSITIVITY (%)	87.5	68.8	81.3	72.9	87.5	66.7
SPECIFICITY (%)	80.4	90.2	75	91.3	75	92.4
PPV (%)	70	78	63	81	64	82
NPV (%)	93	85	89	87	92	84
KAPPA	.641	.608	.526	.659	.576	.637
WEIGHTED KAPPA	0.718	0.574	0.601	0.628	0.590	0.677

PSV = Peak Systolic Velocity, PPV = Positive Predictive Value, EDV = End Diastolic Velocity, NPV = Negative Predictive Value, VR = PSV ICA: PSV CCA - Velocity Ratio, KAPPA = Kappa correlation coefficient, Weighted Kappa = Value of 4 was given to false negative results using Asymmetrical weighting as described by Portney.

Notes and Announcements

Network of Specialty Societies gives medical specialties a voice

The Federation National Specialty Societies of Canada (FNSSC) is a network of medical and surgical specialty societies in Canada dedicated to promoting accessible and quality specialty care within a comprehensive and coordinated health care system.

The purpose of the organization is to ensure the various medical specialties are recognized in Canada and given a voice on health care matters that affect them. The network allows national specialty societies to collaborate on a number of areas around clinical/professional issues involving specialty care in Canada, including specialty care reform, human resources and continuing medical education.

The FNSSC, incorporated in 2004, consists of 42 national specialty societies, representing more than 28,000 Canadian specialists.

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The Canadian Headache Society is pleased to announce the Jacques Meloche annual resident prize competition for 2006. This prize is made possible by an unrestricted educational grant from Merck Frosst Canada Ltd. The value of the prize is \$1000 Canadian, plus travel support to attend the 2006 CCNS Annual Scientific Meeting, where the prize will be awarded. For further information, please contact your program director or the address below. Residents are asked to submit an essay on a headache related topic, up to 12 pages double spaced in length by February 28, 2006 to:

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Canadian Coalition to study the incidence, prevalence and economic and social burden of neurological disorders in Canada

The Canadian Brain and Nerve Health Coalition (CBANHC), a program of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences (CCNS) is conducting an impact study to measure the incidence, prevalence and economic and social impact of neurological diseases, disorders and injuries in Canada.

The impact study report, expected to be released in late spring this year, will feature 35 neurological diseases, disorders and injuries, and will include descriptions, signs and symptoms, evidence-based treatments and data from various national database sources.

CBANHC chose to embark on the study because neurological diseases, disorders and injuries suffer from a low profile in Canada and from a lack of cohesion among representative groups.

Currently, there are no comprehensive statistics that accurately measure how many Canadians are affected by neurological disorders as a whole and what the costs of individual disorders are to the health care system

The coalition will use the report not only to raise public and government awareness of these neurological disorders, but to promote timely access to cost-effective medicines, treatments and health services.

The report will provide important information to key stakeholders and decision-makers in Canada who are responsible for building a long-term national strategy for neurological sciences in the areas of clinical care and research.

CBANHC is committed to improving the quality of life of Canadians with brain, spinal cord or nerve disorders and injuries. The coalition is made up voluntary health organizations with an interest in neurological disorders.