

thought to be safe, attention should be paid to any child with chronic neurological signs, particularly younger children who may be at higher risk for chronic enterovirus infection.

## P.030

### Clinical findings, immunotherapy and neuroimaging results in Pediatric Anti-NMDA Receptor Encephalitis

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**Background:** Anti-NMDAR Encephalitis is an autoimmune disease of children and adults which most often presents with subacute psychiatric disturbance or seizures, but includes a broad group of potential clinical manifestations. Routine neuroimaging, such as cerebral MRI, is often nonspecific or normal. **Methods:** This study reports a series of retrospectively reviewed pediatric patients with AntiNMDAR encephalitis with emphasis on the evolution of clinical features over time, cerebral MRI, 18-FDG Positron emission tomography (PET) findings, and post illness neurocognitive features. **Results:** Four cases of Antibody confirmed AntiNMDAR encephalitis were included, two male and two female, of a mean of 13 years of age. Patients had a mean of three symptom categories by presentation, though many of these were subtle, progressing to 6.5 by the end of the first month. MRI, CSF and EEG were abnormal for one, three and all patients, respectively. All patients had abnormal cerebral PET scans, and all displayed some temporal lobe hypermetabolism on either initial or repeat cerebral PET Scan. **Conclusions:** Anti-NMDAR encephalitis is a variable disorder with an evolving clinical presentation in children. Temporal hypermetabolism on cerebral PET may be a time dependent feature of the disorder.

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### A qualitative study of patient perspectives regarding the role of the neurologist in advanced Multiple Sclerosis

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**Background:** With few evidence-based disease-modifying therapies being available for patients with progressive multiple sclerosis (PMS), how can neurologists best care for their patients? Little is known about the perspectives of patients with respect to the role they would like their neurologist to play in their care. We hereby report an update to our abstract presented at the Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation's annual congress in 2016. **Methods:** Patients with PMS having an Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score of 6 or more were invited to participate. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with patients and their caregivers, and written questionnaires were completed by all participants. Collected data was subjected to thematic coding. **Results:** We have now interviewed a total of 18 patients (compared to 10 in 2016) and have reached thematic saturation. The majority of patients identified the neurologist as a useful figure in their care. Three main reasons were identified: (1) The neurologist provides information about new research and therapies (2) The neurologist educates patients about their disease and available services (3) The neurologist is viewed as an important

supportive figure. **Conclusions:** Despite a lack of disease-modifying treatments for progressive multiple sclerosis, patients with PMS view the neurologist as an essential provider of care.

## NEURO-ONCOLOGY

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### Cavernous sinus masses: An unusual case and review of the literature

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**Background:** We present a 67-year-old male with a two-week history of progressive double vision. Past medical history included oropharyngeal SCC, T4N2cM0, post-CCRT, and remote sarcoidosis. Clinically, the patient had multiple cranial nerve palsies affecting bilateral ocular motor function. Neuroimaging showed an enhancing mass involving the sella and cavernous sinuses. Whole-body PET showed FDG-avid lesions in the sella and liver. Transsphenoidal biopsy of the sellar mass was obtained for tissue diagnosis. **Methods:** Details of the case were obtained from the patient's EMR. Neuroimaging and neuropathology were reviewed with the appropriate subspecialists. A literature search was performed using multiple databases (PubMed, Web-of-Science) and relevant articles were included for review. **Results:** Sellar mass biopsy confirmed p16+ve SCC, identical to the patient's known primary malignancy. On review of enhanced skull-base images, there was no evidence of direct tumor extension, favouring hematogenous spread. **Conclusions:** This case demonstrates the localizing potential of cavernous sinus masses. SCC metastases to the cavernous sinus are rare, and confer a poor prognosis. The presence of a p16 mutation has public health implications, as this mutation demonstrates more frequent and aggressive distant metastatic potential, and as a surrogate marker for high-risk HPV infection, represents a preventable risk-factor for a rapidly increasing cause of head and neck cancer in the Western world.

## P.033

### Biopsy versus subtotal versus gross total resection in patients with low-grade glioma: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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**Background:** The role of extent of surgical resection (EOR) on clinical outcomes in patients with low-grade glioma requires further examination. **Methods:** We systematically searched MEDLINE, Embase, and the Cochrane Library for studies published between January 1, 1990 and January 5, 2018 on predefined patient outcomes regarding different EOR of low-grade glioma. **Results:** Our literature search yielded 60 studies including 13,289 patients. Pooled estimates of overall survival showed an increase from 3.79 years (95% CI, 2.37–5.22) in the biopsy group to 6.68 years (95% CI, 4.19–9.16) in