

Letter from the Founding Editor for Volume 6, Issue 1

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Welcome to Volume 6, Issue 1 of the RRMNF NMJ, our first issue of 2025. In this issue you will find the following:

We have editorials from both Dr. Josh Freeman and Dr. Don Frey, who are both retired chairs of family medicine and they continue to provide inciteful views on medicine and life both in the USA and beyond.

In our new original papers, Dr. Mandeville and colleagues in Massachusetts describe findings of near fiber EMG in a cohort of myasthenia gravis patients. Drs. Mahmood, McKee and Yuebing Li describe their experience of detecting a lymphoproliferative disorder in twenty patients with motor neuron disease. Grace Li and colleagues report on their database search on articles describing stem cell therapy for myasthenia gravis.

In the Case Reports section, Dr. Ortiz-Guerrero describes the challenges of a case of MRI negative myelitis associated with myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein (MOG) antibodies. And the teams at the University of Missouri, of which I am a member, have two case reports. One led by Dr. Ketabforoush and colleagues about a case of facioscapulohumeral dystrophy (FSH) and myasthenia gravis (MG) and a review of the literature of similar cases with co-existent diseases. And the other first authored by Janie Bruce and a number of colleagues describing a patient with inclusion body myositis who lost their finger prints, also known as acquired adematoglyphia. In the review article section, we again publish a transcript from the neuromuscular course I and a number of colleagues have put on around the country for over a decade. This transcript with power point slides is the lecture on the neuromuscular junction and covers MG and the Lambert-

Eaton myasthenic syndrome (LEMS).

Finally, the cover art for this issue again comes from the University of Missouri Museum of Art and Archeology. It is a wonderful still life by the American artist Claude Raguet Hirst. It is on permanent display in the museum and I have become a big fan of not only the museum but of this painting in particular showing an arrangement of antique books and a bowl, vase, and little figurine. I am very glad that Deputy Museum director Marie Nau Hunter has provided a more detailed description of the work and was able to once again get permission for us to highlight a work from the museum. In her piece she also describes the museum at Mizzou and welcomes all who come to campus to visit. It is a gem right in the middle of campus.

We are also very pleased to add a new associate editor, Dr. Dipika Aggarwal. Dr. Aggarwal is a neurologist at the University of Kansas Medical Center and was once one of my residents and fellows. We are glad to have her on board the team. We also have added a University of Missouri medical student as a copyeditor, Alana Labaschin. Another new member is Michaela Duran who is serving as our Undergraduate Editor. She replaces Lauren Peck who graduated and is about to start PA school. Thank you Dr. Aggarwal, Alana and Michaela, and Lauren. We will be adding additional medical students in the near future as some of our current student editors will near graduation.

The NMSG 26th Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in Stresa, Italy, September 26-28. The abstract submission portal is open and will close on June 1. Travel funds are available for the highest scored non-industry abstracts. More information can be found [here](#).

Finally, we would like to thank our reviewers who kindly helped us in doing reviews of submitted manuscripts in 2024. A list of the reviewers is listed on the following page.

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Thank You to our 2024 Reviewers!

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