INTRODUCTION

The 29th Annual Stoneburner Lecture Series was sponsored this year by the Department of Neurology because we sensed a need and a desire for a symposium approaching common neurologic problems encountered by primary care physicians. The attendance at the series was gratifying to the participating lecturers and confirmed our view.

Our approach to each topic has been to dwell on recognition and diagnosis, and to discuss new therapy and therapeutic dilemmas, omitting or touching only briefly on such areas as basic anatomy, physiology, chemistry, and pathology. In this first part of a two-part issue, I discuss some of the problems of treating Parkinson's disease that somehow have not been solved by the highly touted levodopa, Dr. Harbison provides us with an overview of sometimes vexing problems that present as episodic visual loss, and Dr. Grindal provides us with a rational approach to dizzy patients. Our Stoneburner Lecturer, Dr. Clark Millikan, offers an in-depth review of cerebrovascular insufficiency. Finally, Dr. Calabrese covers the value of the cerebrospinal fluid examination and certain measures that may be taken to improve interpretation.

In organizing this symposium, we have attempted to provide the primary care physician with some insight, perhaps new, into these complex and common areas, but it is necessary for primary care physicians themselves to continue providing us with information about their problem areas.

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