Pediatric Neurology: the special number

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This is a particularly opportune time for the young, promising journal *Residência Pediátrica (Pediatric Residency)* to publish a neuropediatric supplement. After all, several pediatric neurological disorders are undergoing major transformations in terms of their diagnosis and therapy.

The seven members of the Scientific Board of the Neurology Department of the Brazilian Society of Pediatrics held a meeting at the end of the year 2017 to tackle the difficult task of choosing just 14 topics for review. Keeping in mind our target readers, we chose topics that are prevalent in the day-to-day routine of residents and in the daily practice of pediatricians in general.

Thus, topics such as hygiene and sleep disorders, febrile crises, status epilepticus, epilepsy syndromes, general learning disabilities, headaches, muscle hypotonia, tic disorders, non-epileptic paroxysmal disorders, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder were in the foreground. Autism spectrum disorder and autoimmune encephalitis have now been added to the list owing to their growing importance in the pediatric population.

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We sincerely hope that our readers will enjoy the text and send us their critiques and suggestions.

Yours cordially,

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