

The logo for the World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation (WFNR) features the acronym 'WFNR' in a large, bold, green, sans-serif font. The letters are closely spaced and have a slight shadow effect.

World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation

Special Interest Group

Rehabilitation for Movement Disorders

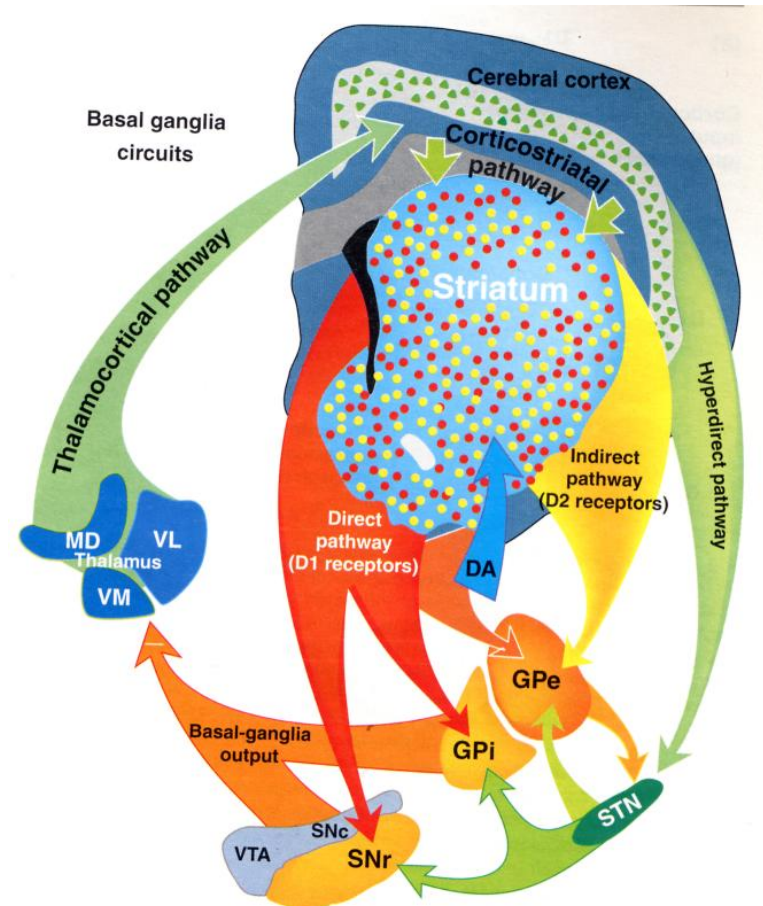
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Movement Disorders

- Heterogeneous group of syndromes sharing:
 - deficit of voluntary motor function and/or abnormal movement patterns
 - neurodegenerative (or symptomatic) origin
 - usually resulting from dysfunction of cortico-basal ganglia circuits
- **Parkinsonism, Dystonia, Chorea, Tremor, Myoclonus**





Rationale for rehabilitation in Movement Disorders

- **No “causal” treatment is usually available**
- **Current (medical and/or surgical) treatments are symptomatic and may be quite effective for some types of movement disorders**
- **However, most conditions show a chronic course with progressive loss of treatment efficacy and appearance of non responsive symptoms**
- **Eventually mobility and postural problems severely reduce patients’ autonomy in ADL and QoL**



Epidemiology

Number of Parkinson's Disease patients in the 5 European and 10 World most densely populated countries

PD patients aged over 50:

4.1 – 4.6 milions in 2005

8.7 – 9.3 milioni in 2030

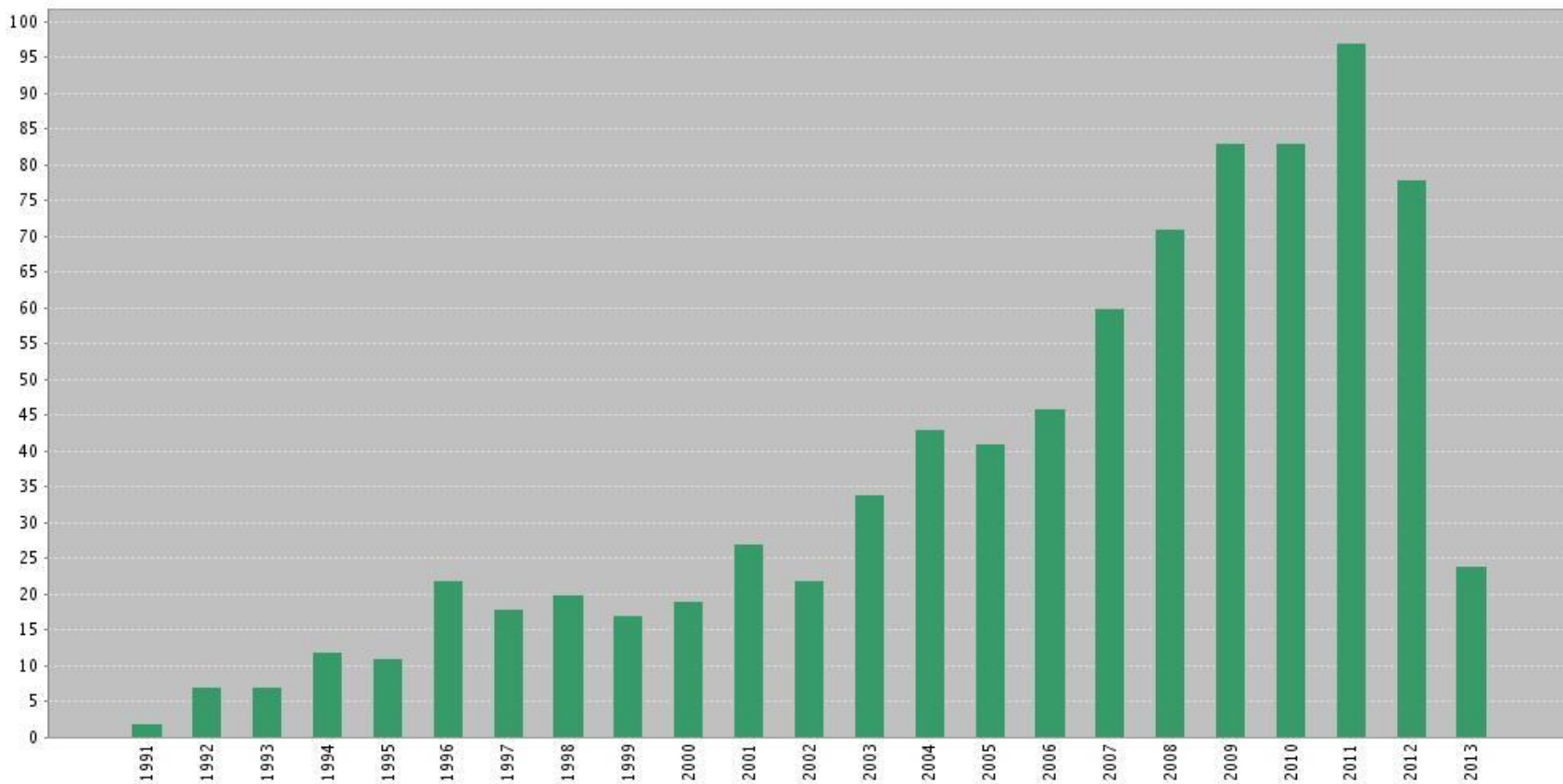
Dorsey et al. 2007





Results for publications by year

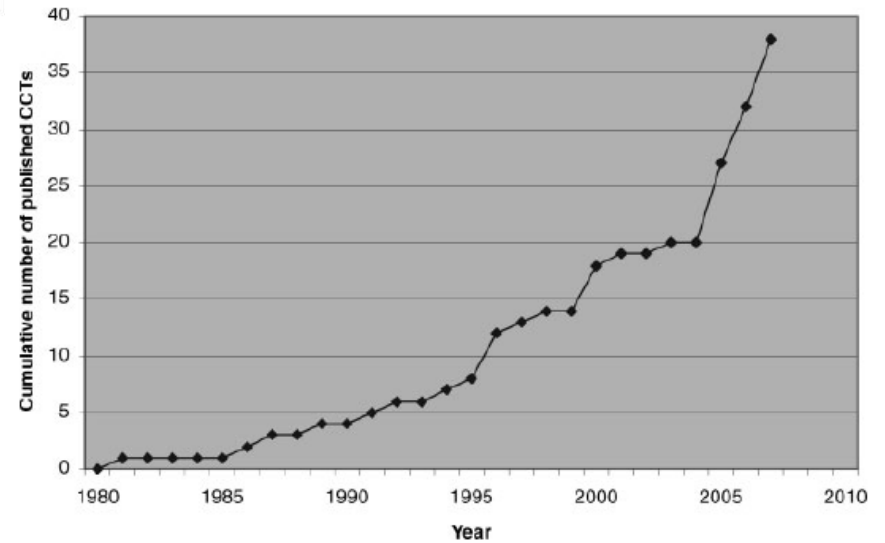
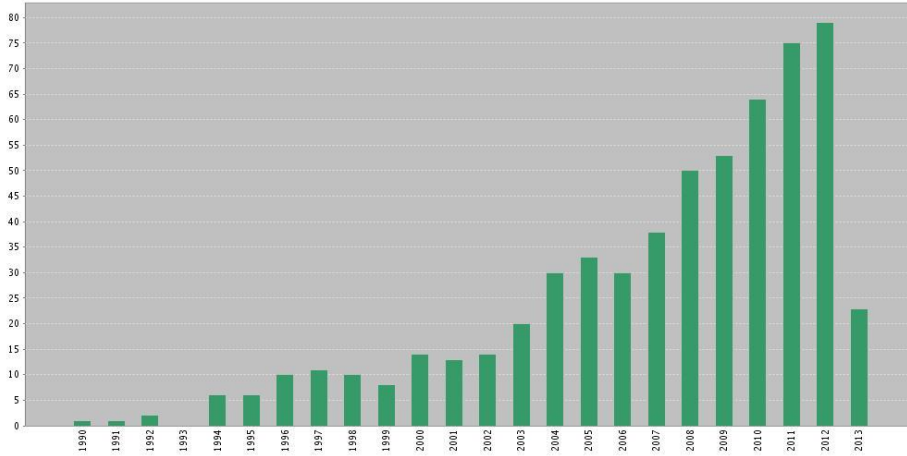
Rehabilitation in MDs





Results for publications by year

Rehabilitation in PD



Keus et al. 2009



- **The SIG was proposed in 2007 and approved by the Management Committee in 2008**
- **First meeting:** Brasilia (5th WFNR Congress) September, 2008
 - During the meeting the aim and the mission of the SIG were discussed and subsequently approved
- **Second meeting:** Wien (6th WFNR Congress) March 23, 2010
 - A specific symposium was held.



Mission Statement

Aims

- to raise awareness on the relevance of rehabilitation for *Movement Disorders*
- to involve and integrate all the health-care professionals (medical doctors, therapists, etc.) interested in the field of *Movement Disorders* favouring integration and development of multi-disciplinary approaches
- to collect and disseminate up-to-date scientific information on *Movement Disorders* rehabilitation useful for WFNR members
- to stimulate the development of research protocols and guidelines on *Movement Disorders* rehabilitation
- to create the conditions for the WFNR-SIG on *Movement Disorders* rehabilitation to become a reference in the international scientific community
- to collaborate and overlap with other WFNR groups or other Scientific Societies in the field of *Movement Disorders*



- **The structure of the SIG has remained informal, but there is the need for a more structured organisation and a higher visibility**
- **The SIG maintains a strategic value with a possible «competition» with other scientific societies operating in this field**



Strategic significance of Rehabilitation for Movement Disorders

- **Autonomic Neurorehabilitation**
- **Cognitive Neurorehabilitation**
- **Posture, Mobility and Falls**
- **Robotics**
- **Telerehabilitation**



Istanbul 2014 Proposal

- **Symposium (or Teaching Course) on:**

Gait Abnormalities in Movement Disorders

- **Clinical Identification**
- **Pathophysiology**
- **Instrumental Evaluation**
- **Innovative Rehabilitation Approaches**



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