Editorial

It is now recognized that children are not simply ‘small adults’ and the spectrum of neurosurgical problems that occur in this ‘unique’ patient population is very different from neurosurgical disease for adults. While we have devoted a great deal of time and energy to describing a wide spectrum of neurosurgical procedures that are intended for children, we have not devoted an equal amount of effort to understanding the many complications that may occur as a result of our therapeutic endeavors.

With this issue, we are introducing a new section to *Pediatric Neurosurgery* which is to be devoted to complications. It will be our intention to publish manuscripts which explore, in depth, all of the complications that may

occur as a result of neurosurgical procedures for specific problems of infants, children and adolescents.

In the first few issues in which this new section is included, we will publish a collection of papers that were presented at a course which was organized by the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the New York University Medical Center and was held in New York in December 1991. In addition to this, we will welcome 'free communications' from our readers and will endeavor to provide a comprehensive review of the entire subject.

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