

Preface

We are delighted to have been able to produce this supplement issue devoted to *Recovery after Acute Stroke*, thanks to an educational grant provided by Glaxo Wellcome to the European Stroke Conference, which took place in Venice, April 7–10, 1999. The topic of stroke recovery is important and timely. Indeed, despite the best efforts to develop ultra-early treatment of acute stroke on the one hand, and to improve the prevention of stroke on the other hand, there will always be stroke, and there will always be sequelae after strokes. Improvement of the knowledge on how patients with stroke recover is fundamental if one wants to address the possibility to enhance this process. Obviously, we are only at the beginning of a long journey, which is likely to be one of the major challenges of the 21st century in the stroke field.

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