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Krupp LB, Elkins LE. Fatigue and declines in cognitive functioning in multiple sclerosis. *Neurology* 2000;55:934-939.

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van den Bent MJ, Keime-Guibert F, Brandes AA, Taphoorn MJB, Eskens FALM, Delattre J-Y. Temozolomide chemotherapy in recurrent oligodendroglioma. *Neurology* 2000;54 (suppl 3):A12. Abstract.

Unpublished material

Mark MH, Dickson DW, Schwarz KO, et al. Familial diffuse Lewy body disease. Presented at the 10th International Symposium on Parkinson's Disease; October 19, 1991; Tokyo.

Letter

Neurology Assessment Panel. Assessment of neuropsychological testing. *Neurology* 1997;49:1183-1185. Letter.

Online book or website

Garrow A, Weinhouse G. Anoxic brain injury: assessment and prognosis. In: UpToDate Cardiovascular Medicine [online]. Available at: www.UpToDateInc.com/card. Accessed February 22, 2006.

Online journal article

Miyamoto O, Auer RN. Hypoxia, hyperoxia, ischemia, and brain necrosis. *Neurology* [serial online] 2000;54:362-371. Available at: www.neurology.org. Accessed February 23, 2006.

Monograph in electronic format

Chee M, Chiappa K. Waveguide: an EEG atlas on CD-ROM. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 1998.

Computer file

EMG analyzer software [computer program]. Version 1.0. Tustin, CA: B & L Engineering, 1998.

Online Correspondence

Henderson VW, Drachman DA. Dementia and voter competence [electronic response to Swerdloff, Post-election anecdote]. *Neurology* 2002. <http://www.neurology.org/cgi/eletters/58/7/995> (accessed 21 May 2002).

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