

## Preface

# Diagnostic Tests in Neuromuscular Diseases



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The field of neuromuscular disease is not only advancing but also expanding and is challenging neurologists in their day-to-day practice. On many occasions, the initial evaluation of a patient suspected as having neuromuscular disease is planned by a private neurologist before the patient is referred to a tertiary center and specialist. The question pertinent to today's practice is, "How much and how aggressive should we be in ordering these diagnostic tests?" Although these questions have been raised and answered in the literature and even in previous issues of the *Neurologic Clinics of North America*, the current issue is more focused and elaborates further on certain diagnostic tests, including their values and pitfalls.

Regretfully, some articles could not be included due to unacceptable delays from the authors; for this, I apologize to the readers.

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