

Practice Current: When do you suspect autoimmune encephalitis and what is the role of antibody testing?

1. Would you send an autoimmune antibody panel at this point? *

- Yes
- No

2. What type of panel would you send? *

- Serum
- Serum and CSF

3. Autoantibody panel is pending and will take two weeks to return. Would you start treatment for presumed autoimmune encephalitis? *

- Yes
- No, I would wait for the antibody panel to come back and would start only if positive at least in serum
- No, I would wait for the antibody panel to come back and would start only if positive in both serum and CSF
- Other - Write In

4. After two weeks from initial treatment with first-line immunotherapy, the patient still does not make major clinical improvement. Autoantibody panel comes back negative. What is your strategy at this point? *

- Continue with immunotherapy (first- or second-line agents, or both)
- Stop immunotherapy and reassess for other causes
- Other - Write In

5. Would you send an autoimmune antibody panel at this point? *

- No
- Yes, in both serum and CSF
- Yes, in serum only
- Other - Write In

6. Other than treating the seizures symptomatically, would you start first-line immunotherapy for presumed autoimmune encephalitis? *

- No
- Yes
- Yes, but only if autoantibody panel comes back positive
- Other - Write In

7. After two weeks, the autoantibody panel comes back with low-titre positive anti-NMDAR antibodies. The patient had two short (< 5 min) focal seizures with alteration of awareness over the past week despite therapy with two appropriately dosed antiepileptic drugs (AEDs). Would you start first-line immunotherapy at this point? *

- No, I would make changes to the AEDs and reassess
- Yes, but I would also make changes to the AEDs
- Yes, and I would keep the same AEDs
- Other - Write In

8. Are you a neuroimmunologist? *

- Yes
- No

9. How many patients with suspected or confirmed autoimmune encephalitis have you treated over the past 12 months? *

- 0
- 1 to 5
- 6 to 10
- 11 to 20
- More than 20

10. What patient population do you treat? *

- Adults (18 years and older)
- Children (0 to 18 years)
- Both (adults and children)

11. How many years have you been in practice? *

- In Training
- Less than 10 years
- 10 or more years

12. What is your primary work setting? *

- Hospital-based (including free-standing, academic, and government)
- Outpatient-based (including neurology clinic, multi-specialty clinic, and private practice)

13. What is your current level of training? *

- Resident/Fellow
 - Attending/Consultant/Faculty Board-certified Physician
 - Nurse Practitioner (NP)
 - Physician Assistant (PA)
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14. Do you currently practice in the United States? *

- Yes
- No

15. In what country is your practice located? *

Afghanistan
Åland Islands
Albania
Algeria
American Samoa
Andorra
Angola
Anguilla
Antarctica
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Aruba
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bermuda
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Bouvet Island
Brazil
British Indian Ocean Territory
Brunei Darussalam

Drueni Darussalam

Bulgaria

Burkina Faso

Burundi

Cambodia

Cameroon

Canada

Cape Verde

Cayman Islands

Central African Republic

Chad

Chile

China

Christmas Island

Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Colombia

Comoros

Congo

Congo, the Democratic Republic of the

Cook Islands

Costa Rica

Cote d'Ivoire

Croatia

Cuba

Curaçao

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Djibouti

Dominica

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Egypt

El Salvador

Equatorial Guinea

Entrea

Estonia

Ethiopia

Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

Farce Islands

Fiji

Finland

France

French Guiana

French Polynesia
French Southern Territories (the)
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Gibraltar
Greece
Greenland
Grenada
Guadeloupe
Guam
Guatemala
Guernsey
Guinea
Guinea-bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Heard Islands and Mcdonald Islands
Holy See
Honduras
Hong Kong
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Ireland
Isle of Man
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jersey
Kazakstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic

Lao People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macao
Macedonia (The Former Yugoslav Republic of)
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marshall Islands
Martinique
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mayotte
Mexico
Micronesia, Federated States of
Moldova
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Montserrat
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Netherlands
New Caledonia
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Niue
Norfolk Island
Northern Mariana Islands

Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Palau
Palestine, State of
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Pitcairn
Poland
Portugal
Puerto Rico
Qatar
Réunion
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Barthélemy
Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
Saint Kits and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Martin (French part)
Saint Pierre and Miquelon
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
South Sudan
Spain

Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Surinam
Svalbard and Jan Mayen
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Taiwan
Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic of
Thailand
Timor Leste
Togo
Tokelau
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Turks and Caicos Islands
Tuvalu
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States
United States Minor Outlying Islands
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Virgin Islands, British
Virgin Islands, U.S.
Wallis and Futana
Western Sahara
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

16. In what state is your practice located? *

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

