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- we are deadly serious in our intent to inform and educate and so enhance neurological practice worldwide
- we believe that the common and the treatable are the most important issues in neurology
- we are evidence-based
- we are systematic in our approach to the evidence
- we are balanced, professional and independent from any sponsoring organisations
- we believe that neurology is very much a part of medicine, both in hospital and in the community, it is not elitist or separate
- we take a pragmatic and practical approach which is not technology driven
- we are allowed to have some fun

Finally, we are totally comfortable with uncertainty and saying “We don’t know” and its immediate consequence “We had better find out”.

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