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Dr. Comella is on the editorial board of *Sleep Medicine*, and has served as an ad hoc reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed journals. She conducts an active clinical research program, serving as principal investigator for her site on NIH-, foundation-, and industry sponsored studies. She conducts clinical research programs in botulinum toxins, dystonia, Parkinson's disease and sleep-related disorders. Dr. Comella is the author or co-author of more than 165 articles, reviews, research papers, abstracts, books, and book chapters about various topics, including Parkinson's disease, dystonia, sleep and sleep-related disorders, restless legs syndrome, and botulinum toxin.