

## Gabapentin in carpal tunnel patients: A consideration

**To the Editor:** I read the publication by Erdemoglu *et al.*, with great interest.<sup>[1]</sup> The authors reported the efficacy of gabapentin in patients with carpal tunnel syndrome and concluded that gabapentin is useful in patients who are reluctant to have surgery or have persistent symptoms following surgery. I agree that gabapentin can be an alternative approach for patients with carpal tunnel. Nevertheless, there are some points to be considered before generalization of this new approach. First, the long-term effect of gabapentin has not been studied yet. This has to be kept in mind and a close monitoring of long-term side effects is needed. Second, the data on comparative cost-effectiveness between

gabapentin treatment and the classical approaches should be addressed.

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