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The *Rehabilitation R&D Progress Reports* is an annual compilation of ongoing work in the field of rehabilitation research and engineering both in this country and abroad. Our goal has been to achieve increasingly comprehensive coverage in each annual edition. This edition represents a substantial increase in the number of progress reports included.

Now that *Rehabilitation R&D Progress Reports* is in its fourth year of publication, each issue not only presents a view of current work, but also allows readers to study the progress of selected research over a three or more year period. In this issue we have asked contributors to list publications and patents that have resulted from research reported in earlier issues. The inclusion of this information is intended to assist readers in obtaining the results of completed research. A major expansion of this coverage is planned for the 1987 edition of the *Progress Reports*.

In support of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service's commitment to serve aging veterans, a section on geriatrics is now included in this publication.

The sponsor index lists participating agencies and organizations along with the research projects each has funded over the past year. Contributors are listed alphabetically with the page numbers of their reports in the final section of the book.

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