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Features

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A Handbook of Health and Treatment Issues
Edited by Martha J. Morrell
Columbia University, New York, USA
and Kerry L. Flynn
Columbia University, New York, USA

In this handbook for sufferers, their clinicians, families and friends, a team of experts reviews the special problems faced by women with epilepsy. Hormone levels affect seizures and epilepsy treatments affect fertility, and can cause pregnancy complications and birth defects. Many health-care providers are not informed about the unique issues facing women with epilepsy. This book, published in association with the Epilepsy Foundation of America, fills that gap and provides women with epilepsy with the information they need to be effective self-advocates.

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Features
• Addresses the medical, emotional and social challenges facing women with epilepsy
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• A comprehensive information resource, written to be accessible to a lay-reader

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The boundaries between epilepsy and movement disorders are difficult to define. For the first time, a distinguished, international team of specialists comprehensively examines the clinical, neurophysiological, genetic, pharmacological and molecular factors which underlie the relationships and differences between the two disorders. They examine the methods for investigating the characteristics of epilepsies which resemble movement disorders; present a scheme for neurophysiological classification; examine the causes of diagnostic problems; review the latest genetic findings; and assess the drug treatments available.

‘This is a fascinating book that has undertaken the exploration of a complex and difficult area. It will be of greatest utility to researchers who specialize in this area.’ Doody’s Review

Features
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Mircea Steriade
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‘… invaluable to neuroscientists and clinical researchers of sleep. It will also prove useful to neurophysiologists and neurologists who have an interest in the biological basis of sleep and seizure disorders.’ The Lancet

Features
• The first major book to deal with the relationship between sleep and epilepsy
• The author is a world authority on these topics, and has spent much of his scientific career researching various aspects of them
• Profusely illustrated with data from the author’s research

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