Designed for use by busy professionals who need quick answers, *The Stroke Book* is a concise and practical reference for anyone involved in managing critically ill cerebrovascular patients. Contributors from leading stroke centers cover a wide range of common conditions and provide focused protocols for assessing and treating patients in the emergency room, intensive care unit, or on the hospital floor. Chapters are written in bulleted format and are packed with algorithms, tables, and summary boxes to provide immediate access to key information. This essential companion will help readers navigate stroke-related clinical situations successfully and make informed decisions about treatment.
THE STROKE BOOK

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Foreword

The field of cerebrovascular disorders has grown rapidly over the past few years with many advances in the areas of diagnosis, patient evaluation/management and therapy. It is increasingly important for general physicians and nonneurologists to be aware of these advances and implement them in practice. In The Stroke Book, Drs. Selim and Torbey have provided an excellent introductory book that overviews all of the burgeoning aspects of cerebrovascular medicine in a comprehensive but an easily understood manner. The list of contributors is distinguished and their contributions uniformly excellent. Readers of this book will find it user-friendly and a reliable source for introductory information about a wide range of cerebrovascular topics. It will especially be helpful for medical students, physicians in training and busy generalists, as the book provides a ready source of information that will be useful in daily practice when seeing patients with cerebrovascular disorders. The editors have demonstrated vision and care in the production of this book and should be congratulated for a job well done.

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Introduction

Patients with cerebrovascular diseases can be complex to manage, especially for general neurologists and nonneurologists who often have a hard time keeping up with the rapid pace of recent advances in diagnosis and management. Most available textbooks in this field are voluminous and highly specialized. *The Stroke Book* has been produced to provide all healthcare professionals caring for stroke patients with a straightforward, concise, and practical reference to help them with management decisions. The book is intended to be limited in depth, while comprehensive in its scope. We have selected experienced contributors from major stroke centers to provide a logical approach to the diagnosis and management of a wide range of common cerebrovascular conditions. We make no attempt to reiterate the details of neurological examination and localization, but discuss particularly important or difficult differential diagnosis points when appropriate. We use tables, algorithms, and lists throughout the book in order to reduce the volume of the text without compromising the content. It is our hope that *The Stroke Book* will help readers better determine the immediate needs of stroke patients and make informed decisions about treatment. We are indebted to our contributors, families, and, particularly, our patients who stimulate our interest in stroke.

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