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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 non-neurologists 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 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 non-neurologists, 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 with management decisions.

The book is intended to be limited in depth, while comprehensive in its scope. Emphasis has been made in selecting well-renowned contributors to provide a logical approach to the diagnosis and management of a wide range of common cerebrovascular conditions. We have made no attempt to reiterate the details of neurological examination and localization, but have mentioned particularly important or difficult differential diagnosis points, when appropriate. We have used tables, algorithms, and bullet points throughout the book to reduce the volume of the text without compromising the content.

By the end of the book the reader should be able to determine the immediate needs of stroke patients and refer them for subspecialty care if needed. We are indebted to our contributors, families, and particularly our patients who stimulate our interest in stroke.

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