Textbook of Stroke Medicine

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Preface

This 3rd edition of our Textbook of Stroke Medicine contains mostly completely revised chapters and reflects the tremendous advances in our field since the first edition in 2010. It has been a fascinating challenge to update and renew the contents without extending the total length of the book. But following the developments in our field and the recommendations of many colleagues, we added two new chapters: “Cerebral Small-Vessel Disease” and “Intensive Care of Stroke.” The chapter on endovascular interventions has been elongated due to recent trials offering new treatment options. Over time, this volume has served well the purpose and expectations of our younger colleagues working in Stroke Medicine. Hopefully it will continue to do so. The book is focused on the “beginning specialist,” many of whom have come from all over the world to take the “Masters’ Degree in Stroke Medicine” at the Danube University Krems in Austria, a program that has been set up by the European Stroke Organisation and has been endorsed by the World Stroke Organization since 2007.

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