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Many neurologic disorders can appear in quick and severe forms that require immediate medical attention. This issue of Neurologic Clinics features 14 articles on conditions that commonly present acutely, such as epilepsy, headache, visual loss, nervous system infections, ischemic stroke, head and spinal cord injury, and intracranial hemorrhage.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or motor neurone disease) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that can cause profound suffering for both the patient and their family. Whilst new treatments for ALS are being developed, these are not curative and offer only the potential to slow its progression. Palliative care must therefore be integral to the clinical approach to the disease. Palliative Care in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: From diagnosis to bereavement reflects the wide scope of this care; it must cover not just the terminal phase, but support the patient and their family from the onset of the disease. Both the multidisciplinary palliative care team and the neurology team are essential in providing a high standard of care and allowing quality of life (both patient and carer) to be maintained. Clear guidelines are provided to address care throughout the disease process. Control of symptoms is covered alongside the psychosocial care of patients and their families. Case studies are used to emphasise the complexity of the care needs and involvement of the patient and family, culminating in discussion of bereavement. Different models of care are explored, and this new edition utilizes the increase in both the evidence-base and available literature on the subject. New topics discussed include complementary therapies, personal and family experiences of ALS, new genetics research, and updated guidelines for patient care, to ensure this new edition remains the essential guide to palliative care in ALS.

First, Infant Development is discussed. Then there are two articles on assessment in early childhood psychiatry: Psychiatric assessment, and Assessment of the caregiver-child relationship in early childhood psychiatry. Early Childhood Mental Health Problems are discussed next, such as Internalizing, Trauma and PTSD, Preschool Disruptive Behavior and ADHD (as viewed through a developmental lens), Pervasive Developmental Disorders, and Parental Psychopathology. In the next section, Early Childhood Specific Treatment Modalities are reviewed: Interventions for Behavioral Problems, Interventions for trauma--exposed dyads: Infant - Parent Psychotherapy and Child - Parent Psychotherapy, Video feedback in parent-infant treatment, Psychosocial interventions with biological effects: Bucharest Early Intervention Project, and Psychopharmacological interventions in preschoolers. Finally, Models of Care are proposed.

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Heart disease remains the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the industrialized countries and can occur in men

and women of any age. The contributors to this special issue, all of them leading authors in the field, focus on cardiovascular disease in women. As a result, this publication gives an up-to-date overview of the latest developments in this particular field, with information ranging from basic concepts to the treatment of women patients and including social aspects. The articles discuss topics such as coronary artery disease and its prevention, myocardial infarction and its treatment, congestive heart failure, stroke, peripheral vascular disease, estrogen replacement as well as on-going clinical trials. 'Cardiovascular Disease in Women' takes a further step towards the solving of an international health care problem and will be of interest to practising physicians, nurses, students of medicine and clinical researchers all over the world. Robert Lustig changed the national conversation about fat. Now, a pioneer in "obesity paradox" research delivers a message that everyone who struggles to shed so-called excess weight will want to hear. After research uncovered that overweight and even moderately obese people with certain chronic diseases often live longer and fare better than their normal weight counterparts, Carl Lavie, MD, realized that being moderately fit is more important for good health than having a low body mass index. Sharing the science behind these recent findings, *The Obesity Paradox* shows readers how to achieve what's really important: maximum health—not minimum weight.

This book is open access under a CC BY 4.0 license. This quick-reference handbook offers a concise and practical review of key aspects of the treatment of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) in the era of primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI). In the context of STEMI, PPCI is the preferred mode of emergency revascularization. Access to PPCI is rapidly increasing and is now routinely practiced in both general and specialist hospitals and there has been a recent emphasis on developing STEMI networks to enhance and expedite the referral pathway. This coupled with concurrent developments to enhance the safety and efficacy of the PPCI procedure has heralded an era where STEMI interventions are increasingly considered an important subspecialty within interventional cardiology. Written by leading cardiologists who have been instrumental in the adoption of PPCI in their respective institutions, the book provides junior and senior cardiologists alike with insightful and thought-provoking tips and tricks to enhance the success of PPCI procedures, which may in turn translate into direct improvements in outcomes. The book is also relevant for healthcare providers and emergency department physicians.

This text covers new innovations and concepts in pediatric thoracic surgery practice, basic science and evidence, and the technical aspects of common and rare operative procedures. It is essential for pediatric surgical trainees and consultants with interest in pediatric thoracic surgery. Providing comprehensive coverage of newer developments, it is also a useful reference work for pediatric and thoracic surgeons and a valuable guide for surgeons (adult or pediatric) managing pediatric thoracic surgery on occasional basis or only during acute emergency. Covering the subjects within pediatric thoracic surgery (non-cardiac) in significant depth, this book acts as a reference text for consultants undertaking pediatric thoracic work as well as for pediatric respiratory, anesthesiologists and fetal medicine doctors. Topics within this

book will also be of interest to pediatric respiratory physicians and pediatric oncologists.

The area of growth hormone therapy has been shrouded in controversy for several years. In the US, anxious parents apply pressure on doctors so their little ones can receive this elixir, regardless of whether there is a medical condition to treat. More recently, health care organisations have balked at the very high cost of growth hormone therapy, and with a greater consciousness of evidence-based medicine, there is also growing concerns about its efficacy. There are now fears about the safety of long-term growth hormone administration with possible risks of increased cardiovascular disease and diabetes, although the latter seems to be a temporary phenomenon. At the clinical level there are also uncertainties about proper optimum dosing schedules used for both children and adults, as well as how to manage the transition from childhood to adulthood (when to stop giving the hormone and how to follow up). Challenges in Growth Hormone Therapy tackles these issues and provides a timely and controversial review of these topics for endocrinologists and paediatricians.

Part of the Neurosurgery by Example series, this volume on cerebrovascular neurosurgery presents exemplary cases in which renowned authors guide readers through the assessment and planning, decision making, surgical procedure, after care, and complication management of common and uncommon disorders. The cases explore the spectrum of clinical diversity and complexity within cerebrovascular neurosurgery, including aneurysms, ischemic/occlusive disease, arteriovenous malformation, dural arteriovenous fistula, and more. Each chapter also contains 'pivot points' that illuminate changes required to manage patients in alternate or atypical situations, and pearls for accurate diagnosis, successful treatment, and effective complication management. Containing a focused review of medical evidence and expected outcomes, Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery is appropriate for neurosurgeons who wish to learn more about a subspecialty, and those preparing for the American Board of Neurological Surgery oral examination.

This work provides practical guidance for many of the problem cases arising in the field of gastroenterology. The emphasis is on clear advice presented in an easy-to-read style. Topics range from palliation of oesophageal cancer to hepatitis C virus infection.

A comprehensive atlas describing the surgical options for reconstructing the mandible.

This book provides a comprehensive and up-to-date review of the basic and clinical aspects of infections and infectious processes that trigger or aggravate a variety of autoimmune and inflammatory musculoskeletal disorders. It delivers a timely update on the interactions between infection and rheumatic diseases in order to provide clinicians with the tools they need for proper diagnosis and treatment. The book is divided into five main sections. The first examines the basic aspects of bacterial infections with a discussion of molecular biology, the microbiome, various types of bacteria that cause infection, and recent advances in biologic therapy. The next section focuses on different forms of viral arthritis including hepatitis arthritis, arthritis associated with alpha viruses, and parvovirus-related arthritis. Subsequent chapters then discuss arthritis caused by mycobacteria, fungi, spirochete, and other miscellaneous arthritides. Following this are various analyzations on reactive arthritis and infection-related rheumatic diseases such as Whipple's Disease, SAPHO Syndrome, rheumatic fever, and HIV-associated rheumatic manifestations. Finally, the book closes with three chapters on external impacts on infectious diseases such as climate change, vaccinations and systemic lupus erythematosus. Infections and the Rheumatic Diseases is an essential resource for physicians and related professionals, residents, fellows, graduate students, and nurses in rheumatology, clinical immunology, and internal medicine.

This book is a comprehensive resource for all practitioners and researchers involved in transfusion medicine.

Describes in step-by-step style the leading FISH techniques and those molecular technologies beyond FISH available for diagnostic services in genetics and oncology. The methods include labeling FISH probes for DNA and RNA targets, fluorescence genotyping, CGH microarray,

spectral karyotyping/multicolor FISH, and primed in situ labeling. There are also techniques for multicolor fiber FISH, multi-telomere FISH, prenatal diagnosis using maternal blood, and preimplantation diagnosis. Oncological methods include simultaneous fluorescence immunophenotyping and FISH for leukemia and lymphoma, HER2 amplification in breast cancer, and CAC/PAC for cancer cytogenetics. While advances in both the treatment of cancer and the management of its complications have led to significant improvement in patient survival, infections remain a significant cause of morbidity and mortality in patients with neoplastic disease. In this patient population, infection risk results from a complex interplay between the host's underlying immunodeficiencies, local tumor effects and treatment-induced immunosuppression. New chemotherapeutic approaches and antimicrobial prophylaxis and treatment practices continue to shape the spectrum of infections in these patients. Clinicians who treat infections in cancer patients are continually challenged by the emergence of new pathogens and by the increasing antimicrobial resistance of established ones. The aim of this book is to emphasize unique aspects of management of infectious diseases in the cancer patient. With the increasing complexity of this patient population, optimal management requires a multidisciplinary approach and this fact is fully reflected in the contributions, all from recognized authorities in the field. Ultimately, it is hoped that this volume will assist specialists in infectious diseases and haematology/oncology in the diagnosis, management and prevention of infection and optimization of the overall care of patients with malignancies.

Thoroughly covers techniques, complications, and limitations of arthroscopy of the elbow. Includes detailed descriptions of anatomy, portals, positions, and standard and specialized equipment. Also covers specific disorders of the elbow that are amenable to arthroscopy and their associated complications.

Topics in this publication include Thyroid Disease and Where the Field is Going; Surgical Anatomy of Thyroid and Parathyroid Glands; Ultrasonography and Thyroid Disease; FNA Cytopathology; Surgical Management of Thyroid Disease; Surgical Management of Cervical Lymph Nodes in Well Differentiated Thyroid Cancer; Management of Locally Invasive Disease; Post-operative Management of Well Differentiated Thyroid Cancer; Reoperation for Recurrent/Persistent Well Differentiated Thyroid Cancer; Molecular Biology and Targeted Therapies for Well Differentiated Thyroid Cancer; Imaging of Parathyroid Glands; Surgical Management of Parathyroid Disease; Considerations for 2-degree and 3-degree Hyperparathyroidism; and Management of Parathyroid Carcinoma; among others.

With the dramatic evolution of shoulder arthroscopy techniques over the past five years, practitioners must search through numerous educational resources to learn about specific indications and definitive techniques. The field of orthopaedics lacks an all-encompassing text that is strictly and exclusively devoted to shoulder arthroscopy. Drs. James Tibone, Felix Savoie III, and Benjamin Shaffer have assembled the leading authorities in shoulder arthroscopy to provide the practitioner with invaluable information on the most cutting edge procedures to treat impingement problems, frozen shoulder, calcific tendonitis, and shoulder instability. This comprehensive, practical volume is enhanced with striking illustrations, detailing the surgical technique from positioning to closure. The chapter format gives introductory comments about disease/disorder, clinical presentation, surgical indications/patient selection, contraindications, surgical techniques, results, complications and pitfalls. There are also selected references and recommended readings at the end of each chapter. Shoulder Arthroscopy will be essential for all practicing orthopaedic surgeons, sports medicine and shoulder specialists who want to expand their expertise in this area.

Myeloid Derived Suppressor Cells (MDSCs) are a heterogeneous population of immature myeloid cells that can suppress the function of multiple immune cells and in particular, T cells, through various mechanisms. MDSCs can be divided into two major subtypes based on their cell surface phenotype and morphology: polymorphonuclear MDSC (PMN-MDSC or G-MDSC) and monocytic MDSC (M-MDSC). Additional

subtypes have been proposed, such as the early MDSC (e-MDSC) that lack both macrophage and granulocyte markers. There is still considerable ambiguity about the phenotype of these cells that corresponds to their immunosuppressive function and there are on-going challenges on how to identify, purify and/or potentially generate and expand these cells in vitro. MDSCs were first discovered in cancer patients where they have been most extensively studied as components of the immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment. In the last several years, however, the importance of their immunomodulatory role in many other disease and clinical settings has emerged.

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Diagnosis of benign liver tumors is experiencing exponential growth, mainly owing to the diffusion of more accurate imaging techniques. This monograph examines the epidemiology, histopathology and genetics of these tumors and provides a systematic overview of their evolution and differential diagnosis. Care is taken to document surgical indications accurately, with a view to assisting in the avoidance of useless interventions. Open, laparoscopic and robotic surgical techniques are described and illustrated, emphasizing the optimization of intra- and postoperative management in order to avoid potential complications and degeneration. In these chapters, attention is drawn to the ways in which the surgical management of benign liver tumors differs from that of malignant tumors. The book concludes by examining the role of interventional radiology in patients with benign liver tumors.

Diabetes and Kidney Disease reviews the most up-to-date research on diabetic nephropathy, the current understanding of its pathophysiology, renal structural alterations and clinical features and summarizes recent evidence-based clinical treatment modalities for the prevention and management of diabetic kidney disease. General clinical aspects are covered, as well as an overview to the novel approaches being designed by leading researchers in the field. A convenient compendium for physicians involved in the care of diabetic patients with varying degrees of kidney involvement, Diabetes and Kidney Disease is also a handy resource for medical residents and students interested in the current status and future approaches to reducing the burden of diabetes and diabetic kidney disease.

A full-color atlas with bonus DVD dedicated to facial nerve surgery This is the only book on facial nerve surgery specifically written for the busy otolaryngologist in training. Offering a step-by-step approach to facial nerve surgery, this magnificent full-color atlas offers 200 detailed illustrations and photographs along with a DVD featuring surgical video clips

A comprehensive review of all aspects of hypertension in the elderly using the most current clinical data. Topics range from basic concepts, epidemiology and trials, and evaluation and management, to pharmacologic treatment, special populations, and adherence, all presented with an emphasis on the optimal management of patients. The authors examine in detail the mechanisms of hypertension in the elderly, the lifestyle trials and outcomes trials that were conducted in older persons, as well as the problems of clinical evaluation, secondary hypertension, adherence, and target organ damage. Extensive discussions of pharmacologic therapy detail the role of all the major drug classes.

Chronic Hepatitis C Virus: Lessons from the Past, Promise for the Future documents the monumental advances that have been

made in our understanding of chronic HCV during the past decade. The first section reviews the natural history of chronic HCV, how this virus can affect other organs in addition to the liver, and whether treating chronic HCV alters the natural history of this disease. Section 2 reviews the advances that have been made in the treatment of chronic HCV during the past decade with interferon based therapy. Separate chapters on response guided therapy and how to manage the adverse events associated with these medications provide the physician with the concepts required to more effectively treat chronic HCV now and in the future. As the genetics of virologic response have recently been elucidated, a chapter is devoted to helping the clinician understand how genes that modulate disease processes and their treatment are identified and utilized in clinical care. Section 3 deals with the future of HCV treatment and specific inhibitors of HCV. Specific chapters explain how targets for drugs are identified and how drugs are then developed and tested; how mutations of HCV develop and how anti-viral agents will affect this process; the most up to date data regarding the treatment of chronic HCV with peginterferon, ribavirin and anti-viral agents; and the potential to treat chronic HCV with just oral anti-viral agents and without peginterferon and ribavirin in the future. The final section of this book covers issues related to liver transplantation in patients with chronic HCV. Separate chapters review the natural history of chronic HCV in liver transplant recipients and the impact of utilizing HCV positive donors. The volume concludes with chapters that cover the treatment of chronic HCV both prior to and after liver transplantation with potent anti-viral agents. Chronic Hepatitis C Virus: Lessons from the Past, Promise for the Future is a valuable resource for all physicians caring for patients with chronic HCV. This book explains the development of various laparoscopic donor nephrectomy (LDN) techniques, which can be performed via the retroperitoneal or the transperitoneal approach. It provides a step-by-step explanation of LDN, including details of intricacies such as port positioning, dissection steps, securing the hilum and retrieval. It also reviews new techniques like robotic donor nephrectomy and single-port donor nephrectomy. Lastly, it explores the non-technical but equally important issues of donor work-up and legal and social aspects. LDN is a unique surgical procedure in which the surgeon operates on an individual who is not a patient but someone donating out of altruistic motives, and it has to be “zero error” for the safety of the graft, donor and the recipient. This handbook is a valuable resource for urologists, general and transplant surgeons as well as anesthesiologists and medical social workers working in the field.

This book describes the surgical bariatric procedures most frequently performed worldwide and examines their evolution in recent years both within Italy and internationally. For each operation, indications, the surgical technique, potential complications, and the outcomes with respect to weight and obesity-associated comorbidities are presented. In view of the significant failure rate revealed by studies on the long-term results of bariatric surgery, the problem of weight regain and revision surgery are also discussed in detail, covering the different types of revision, conversion to other procedures, and the main outcomes. In addition, individual chapters focus on selected topics of importance. The role of bariatric surgery in the cure of type 2 diabetes (“diabetes surgery”) is discussed and the debate over the significance of gastroesophageal reflux disease and hiatal hernia for choice of procedure is summarized. Finally, the most common endoluminal procedures, which have been gaining in importance, are described and other

bariatric operations, outlined.

This text provides a comprehensive, state of the art review of complications related to anorectal surgical procedures old and new. As anorectal surgery has evolved throughout the decades, newer and at times unexpected complications arise as of necessity. Any surgeon not familiar with these, may be perplexed as to how to manage these specific complications and more importantly how to avoid such complications in the course of their future practice. *Complications of Anorectal Surgery: Prevention and Management* provides a very helpful resource for all surgeons performing anorectal surgery and will be particularly useful for general surgeons practicing in rural or small urban settings where access to a colon and rectal specialist, a large medical center or a resource medical library may be scarce or limited.

The rapid pace of device development and complexity in applications along with a lack of concise, problem-oriented references has made it difficult for non-electrophysiologists to confidently manage patients with implanted cardiac rhythm devices (ICRDs). *Cardiac Rhythm Devices: A Case-Based Approach to Management* provides a practical, problem-oriented, and case-based guide to assist in troubleshooting and management of the common complications of ICRDs. Readers will gain fundamental understanding of the applications and clinical indications, procedural techniques, pre- and post-procedure management, and common complications and their management. Nearly fifty in-depth case presentations provide real-world examples of issues associated with ICRDs and the many factors involved in clinical decision-making and effective management. The cases can be studied individually and in any order. Also included are handy indexes of "key points" that make it easy to quickly locate cases and discussions of any specific topic. This practical book is an indispensable resource and quick reference for the clinical cardiologist, cardiology fellow or any practitioner needing to improve understanding and skills in the application of ICRDs.

Featuring recognized academic and industrial experts in this cutting-edge field, this book reviews single cell oils (SCO) currently in the market. The text mainly focuses on the production of the long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids, Arachidonic acid, and Docosahexaenoic acid. All chapters provide up to date references for navigating the vast amount of historic data available in the field. The authors provide real world examples of the commercial development and applications of various SCO in a variety of fields, from food ingredients and disease treatment to aquaculture and fish farming. It covers the essential information in this fast moving field giving details of the production of all the major SCOs, their extraction, purification, applications and safety evaluations. In addition, this new edition includes major coverage of the potential of SCOs for biofuels that may be of key significance in the coming years. Includes sufficient detail on molecular breeding of yeasts and molds Shows how microbial oils have gone from being academic curiosities to being minor commodity oils Presents details on the safety and nutrition of single cell oils for human and animal nutrition

A lot of time has been spent trying to convince health care providers and policy makers of the enormous importance of macrovascular disease in persons with type 2 diabetes. In this volume, we present facts that demonstrate how important it is to recognize macrovascular disease in these patients in daily practice. This volume has been compiled to help those already involved in diabetes care, to be more involved in cardiovascular risk control, a task that is not easily achieved. The area of cardiovascular risk in type 2 diabetes is heterogeneous. Trying to characterize it, we can only say: certainly we know more than we do, but for sure we do less than we could. Our challenge is to change this. Nicolae Htmcu Professor N. Hancu was born in Romania in 1940. He studied medicine at the Iuliu Hatieganu University of

Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, and obtained his speciality in internal medicine in 1970, and in diabetes, nutrition and metabolic disease in 1986. He was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases of the same university in 1993. He has been a full member of the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences since 1995. Professor Hancu's major interest is related to clinical lipidology, visceral obesity, and cardiovascular risk in type 2 diabetes. He has published over 200 papers and 14 books in this area. He has been invited as Visiting Professor at many universities in Madrid, Valladolid, Barcelona, and Los Angeles.

Strengthen Your Back covers all practical aspects of back care from diagnosis and treatment to exercises and pain relief. Illustrated step-by-step exercises help you address your back and neck pain, alongside carefully planned strategies to stop injuries recurring. Simple, clear diagrams show the anatomy of your back and neck and specialized sections deal with back pain in specific scenarios such as home, work, driving and gardening. Includes advice on where to seek help and how to get the best results from rehabilitation. Play an active role in your healthcare with Strengthen Your Back!

The pineal region is an anatomic location where various intracranial tumors, in particular germ cell tumors and pineal parenchymal tumors, occur. Interestingly, pineal germ cell tumors are detected more frequently in Asian countries, including Japan, while pineal parenchymal tumors are less frequent in Asia than in the United States and Europe. This publication takes advantage of the knowledge and experience of Japanese experts in pineal tumors, with emphasis on epidemiology and pathological diagnosis. A variety of treatment modalities including radiotherapy, radiosurgery, surgical therapy and chemotherapy are also discussed. This valuable book will enhance the knowledge on pineal tumor treatment of not only neurosurgeons and radiation oncologists but also neurologists, neuro-oncologists, pediatricians and neuropathologists interested in pineal region tumors.

This manual provides an authoritative guide to standard laboratory procedures for detecting and diagnosing sexually transmitted diseases. Addressed to clinical microbiologists and medical technologists, the manual is designed to serve as a practical bench aid, tuned to the needs and capacities of laboratories at different levels in the health system. Although the standard procedures described have universal relevance, particular attention is given to conditions in developing countries, where rapid transport of specimens may not be possible and cost factors may be decisive. Recommended procedures, tests, and techniques are supported by close to 150 references. Noting the constraints on staff and resources faced by most laboratories throughout the world, the manual concentrates on tests known to yield essential diagnostic information. Standard antimicrobial susceptibility tests are described for those diseases where drug resistance is a problem. Although the major emphasis is on procedures for diagnosis, case-finding, and test-of-cure, some procedures useful in epidemiological research are also included. The manual has nine chapters covering the full range of sexually transmitted diseases: gonorrhoea "Chlamydia trachomatis" infection, syphilis, genital herpes, chancroid granuloma inguinale, vaginitis in adults, human papillomavirus infection, and human immunodeficiency virus. Each chapter opens with a brief description of the disease and the principal laboratory approaches to diagnosis, followed by detailed advice on the collection and transport of specimens. Against this background, all relevant laboratory methods, from microscopy, culture and non-culture techniques to serology and the use of commercial test kits, are described in detail, with colour plates used to illustrate selected procedures and results. Apart from providing detailed step-by-step instructions for each procedure, the manual offers abundant practical advice on the selection of tests, their comparative sensitivity, and specificity, the degree of skill required, the correct interpretation of results, and common errors and how to avoid them. The chapter on HIV infection reproduces the latest joint UNAIDS and WHO recommendations for the selection and use of HIV antibody tests. Further practical guidance for each of these diseases is provided in

three annexes, which summarize appropriate diagnostic tests at different levels of the laboratory system, describe the media, reagents, and stains required for the tests, and list all the basic products needed to prepare essential reagents and media.

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