

Preface

This book focuses the reader on the *essential knowledge* required to evaluate and treat stroke patients. The first chapter assumes an emergency room setting and helps to orient the reader to the distinguishing features of presentation and initial evaluation of stroke types. We then devote two chapters each to the major stroke types (ischemic stroke, intracerebral hemorrhage, and subarachnoid hemorrhage). The first chapter focuses on acute presentation and evaluation (in-hospital evaluation and management) for a particular stroke type. The second such chapter focuses on prevention and long-term complications (out-patient/follow-up issues). The five remaining chapters review special topics that may apply to specific populations: stroke in the young adult, headaches as they relate to stroke, hypercoagulable states, carotid artery disease, and cerebral venous thrombosis. Where appropriate, most chapters include a quick summary of their content and conclusions, allowing for rapid review when necessary.

We hope you find this text useful for rapid access to essential stroke information.

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