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## Preface

Whiplash injuries are often looked upon as accidents causing extensive symptomatology without the presence of objective findings. They can cause a disease condition, which is frequently denied, but is unfortunate and may become chronic and invalidating for the patient.

In the last two decades, much has been published on whiplash injury. However, the confusion and medicolegal discussion on this disease has increased.

In this scenario, a guide on recent and current international research in the field is even more than necessary. Especially functional imaging methods – such as single-photon emission tomography (SPET) or positron emission tomography (PET) – have shown various and sometimes differing brain alterations, which should be discussed in the conflicting arena of whiplash victims, treating physicians, insurance companies, and reviewers.

This book is a critical approach to the challenging interpretation of the aforementioned new research data of functional neuroimaging in whiplash injury. It may help patients, their relatives and friends, and involved physicians understand this condition as disease.

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