

Preface

Spinal surgical intervention is an important treatment tool in the functional and structural restoration of patients. Contrasting one specialty to another, neuromodulation is one that recently has had an unparalleled growth trajectory. This gives a spine surgeon an important role in treating patients throughout their disease process. It is the understanding that a technically successful surgery does not always translate into the patient results that one desires and that the treatment of chronic pain is part of that continuum. Therapies are available when pain persists following surgery, or perhaps when pain is present without a surgical pathology. It is the effort of this book to underscore the concept of concurrent, parallel pathway specialization development, moving away from polarized approaches, towards the integration of pain care in the surgeons' practice. This integration of specialties is the diversity seen in the multidisciplinary approach of the neuromodulation community. The journey has been a rewarding one and we hope to inspire each reader to consider pain care in their practice.

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