Foreword

The best books are those which take from the reader the least amount of time and money in return for the most information. Dr. Citow and colleagues have done yeoman work in distilling the vast corpus of clinical neuroscience into this concise, yet readable book. The illustrations portray essential information. Young neurosurgeons preparing for the hurdles for professional examinations will find this to be a most valuable aid. I suspect that those who use it and become familiar with its contents will continue to browse through it as the years go by to refresh their memories. All those involved in the care of patients with neurological diseases will read this work to their advantage. It is remarkable that Dr. Citow had the ability to write this book while still in his residency. Future residents will have reason to be grateful for his industry.

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Preface

The fields of neuropathology and neuroradiology are advancing daily. New immuno-histochemical and other staining methods help us to more accurately categorize pathologic processes. New radiologic studies (i.e., PET scan, SPECT scan, CT angiography) are adding invaluable information that enhances our ability to manage difficult patients. We are now able to be more certain of our diagnoses and lesion localization than ever before, yet these fields remain as much an art as a science. There are always bizarre exceptions that challenge the most renowned experts. In this book, I have attempted to summarize most of the important facts about the more common neurological diseases and include classical pathology slides and radiographic images to help the students of these disciplines become comfortable with their diagnoses.

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