

## Preface



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*Guest Editor*

The diagnosis and management of patients who have epilepsy have greatly evolved over recent years. This issue of *Neurologic Clinics* presents state-of-the-art reviews by renowned experts of critical issues that illustrate this evolution and underscore their importance in the care of patients. The first six papers focus on the interrelationships between seizures and psychological, neuropsychological, and hormonal factors. The next five papers discuss pharmacologic treatment selection, drug resistance, approaches to localizing seizure onset, and deep brain stimulation as a possible non-pharmacological intervention. The final two papers present an update on the genetics of idiopathic epilepsies and a thought-provoking approach to sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy.

I am grateful to the contributors for their fine efforts and hope that readers find this collection of articles valuable in successfully addressing the complex problems associated with the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy.

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