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Preface

Evoked potentials



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With recent advances in technology, particularly those involving artifact rejection software and computer processing speed, electrophysiologic recordings such as evoked potentials (EPs) and event-related potentials (ERPs) have resurfaced as potentially powerful evaluation tools in the clinical arena. In the physical medicine and rehabilitation population, we encounter a variety of patients with lesions in the nervous system. As clinicians, we are often expected to establish early diagnosis and treatment, to provide continued monitoring of the recovery process, and to project eventual clinical outcomes. The potential roles of EPs and ERPs in meeting the above expectations are described in various articles in this issue of the *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinics of North America*.

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to have experts from North America, Europe, and Asia join hands in this special project. While most of the authors are acquaintances of mine, I took the liberty of contacting several internationally renowned clinical researchers by way of e-mail. Much to my excitement, they all responded promptly and positively to my invitation. Through electronic communication, we exchanged ideas, manuscripts, and photographs and finished the project ahead of schedule.

Life is an ongoing learning process. I am indebted to my mentors, Dr. Henry Hsieh, Dr. James Jerger, Dr. Lawrence Robinson, Dr. Elaine Date, and especially Dr. George Kraft for their guidance and support. When Dr. Kraft asked me to edit this issue more than a year ago, I had no idea how much time and effort would be involved in this task. It has been a

tremendously positive experience, and I sincerely hope that readers find these articles intellectually stimulating and clinically relevant.

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