

## Preface



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The field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is very broad; it encompasses a vast and diverse variety of disorders, disabilities, and diseases. As physiatrists living in an age of advanced science and technology, we are able to use the latest innovations, such as injections and ultrasound, but along with this comes the struggle to keep up to date in our field. With residents studying for the Boards Examination and more senior physicians having to take the Recertification Examination it is important to have a source to which to refer. Until this time, there has not been an issue dedicated to the review of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

This issue discusses up-to-date advances made in 12 areas of rehabilitation, including traumatic brain injury, pain management, stroke, spinal cord injury, EMG, musculoskeletal rehabilitation, and specialized areas, such as burn and cancer rehabilitation and cerebral palsy. Within these chapters, subtopics such as spasticity management and bowel management are discussed.

Based on the University of Washington Board Review, we have asked physicians from all over the country, who are known experts in their area, to share their knowledge. I would like to thank them for the hard work they put into writing their articles. It is our hope that you find this issue to be a useful reference and an interesting and refreshing new look at the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

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