



Foreword

THE TASK AND JOY OF NEUROSURGERY

The discipline of neurologic surgery is formidable. The 7-year residency period provides the young surgeon with the preparation necessary for embarking on a career in neurosurgery. True and substantive specialist designation within the field requires perhaps another 7-year period, in optimal conditions, with appropriate exposure and challenges to allow the emergence of a true neurosurgeon. In short, neurosurgery presents an endless challenge to all who would call themselves neurosurgeons.

It is a nearly impossible task to catalog and accurately describe the rapidly evolving and ever-changing field of neurosurgery in detail. It is perhaps equally daunting to undertake the task of presenting its essentials in adequate fashion. But there needs to be an entry point. Rahul Jandial has given the neophyte such an opportunity in the succinct offering of the following pages. The readers are given an excellent aperture through which to develop some com-

prehension of the tasks, challenges, and immense current capabilities of the field. They should be mindful that this is merely the “dust on the surface” and seek a greater depth of comprehension—a task that only further heightens appreciation for the enormity of the undertaking!

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I have just had the pleasure of reading *Neurosurgical Essentials* by Rahul Jandial and his colleagues, Henry Aryan and Peter Nakaji. This remarkably concise text is a survey of important topics in neurosurgery presented in an understandable, effective manner. This book is appropriately focused for review of the subject by neurologists, surgeons, and psychiatrists. Further, it can effectively serve as an introduction to neurosurgery for medical students, house staff, and nurses who want to know more about medicine’s most challenging specialty.

As one of many who had the privilege of participating in the education of the authors, I am confident that you the reader will profit from this considerable effort.

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