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This reference text only gets better with each addition; more illustrations are in color, more CT and MR images are included and a diagnostic checklist has been added for each of the major lesions. New chapters have been added on stereotactically directed needle biopsy and surgery for seizure.

It's encouraging to see that such an important text continues to improve. At $225 it is truly a bargain and should not be located more than an arm’s length away from the microscope of every practicing neuropathologist.


This second edition of Neuroinflammation (First edition published in 1998) reflects the ever-increasing appreciation of the role that inflammation plays in a diverse array of nervous system diseases. No longer does the term conjure a gestalt-like perception of MS and EAE only. This text is another in the Contemporary Neuroscience series and follows the format of multiple authors writing chapters that are each papers within themselves and thus suffers from loss of continuity. Nonetheless, most of the chapters are exceptionally informational and very up-to-date for such a publication.

Five sections are devoted to “Neuroinflammatory Mechanisms,” “Stroke and TBI,” “Alzheimer’s Disease,” “Multiple Sclerosis,” and “Parkinson’s and Huntington’s Diseases.” These add up to a total of 22 chapters that are variably laced with neuropathology perspective enough to tweak the interest of neuropathologists.

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