**Neuropathology**

Edited by Richard A Prayson.
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605 pages.

This is the first textbook in a series intended to cover all subtopics in surgical pathology. In the preface, Richard Prayson states that he intends the text to aim for that middle ground between an exhaustive review on one hand and an outline sketch on the other. It would appear that he has accomplished his goal, the format being modern, having boxes with colored backgrounds entitled “Fact Sheet” and “Pathologic Features.” Aside from these eye-catching features, the text is solid with factual, up-to-date information and a very comprehensive index. Most importantly, the illustrations are all in color and are superb. This text is highly recommended for teaching neuropathology to residents. It will also be useful to neuropathologists as a general reference.

Prayson and his chapter authors are to be commended.

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**Pathology & Genetics: Cerebrovascular Diseases**

Published by the International Society of Neuropathology. Copyright 2005, 351 pages; Price: $95.

This is yet another in the excellent series of books published by the International Society of Neuropathology. No neuropathologist doing clinical neuropathology or vascular research can afford to be without it. The information is as up-to-date as possible, the text is readable and the illustrations are quite adequate.

Forty-two chapters are grouped into 16 categories:

1. Structure, neoformation and function of CNS vessels
2. Brain edema, intracranial pressure, and drainage pathways
3. Thrombosis
4. Vascular wall changes in large and small vessel disease
5. Amyloid angiopathy
6. Aneurysms and vascular malformations
7. Vasculitis
8. Other blood vessel diseases
9. Focal brain ischemia
10. Global brain ischemia
11. Hypoglycemic brain damage
12. Gas and fat embolism
13. Brain in hypertension
14. Brain hemorrhages
15. Vascular dementia
16. Spinal cord vascular disorders

This book should also serve as an excellent vehicle for clinical-pathologic correlation, something that should prove useful to neurologists and internists treating patients with vascular disease and stroke. At the price, it’s a bargain.

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