

ventions including behavior therapy and biofeedback, pharmacologic interventions including the use of both opioid and non-opioid medications, and neurosurgical interventions. There is also a section on multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to chronic pain management as well as an entire section on placebos. The third section of the book deals with treatment of specific pain syndromes. Neuropathic pain, post-operative pain, pain in burn patients, headache, sickle cell disease, the terminally ill, cancer pain, and AIDS are all discussed in detail. The last section is one on special considerations, which looks at some of the controversies in pain management including opioid management of chronic non-malignant pain, and "emergencies." Also of use in this handbook are the appendices, which give classifications of chronic pain, lists of contacts for different pain problems, guidelines for the use of opioid analgesics, drug doses, and certain standards of treatment.

This book is a must for anyone who sees and manages patients with chronic pain. It gives a comprehensive look at the variety of options for managing pain. The sections on medications are extremely good. This is a handbook; it is not meant to be an in-depth dissertation about medications, but touches briefly and gives important pearls about medications and techniques. This is a well-written, brief, to-the-point book that can easily be carried in a pocket or bag. It can be kept with the physician while making rounds in the hospital, and it is extremely user-friendly.

References in this book are excellent, and if one wants to learn more about anything written, appropriate references are given.

This book is highly recommended for all physicians who see patients with pain problems.

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Correction

The Correspondence section of November's issue misspelled the name of the second author of "Hering's law for eyelids." The correct spelling is Umur Kayabasi.

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