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Neurological Differential Diagnosis: A Prioritized Approach provides a practical, problem-based differential diagnosis for the entire spectrum of neurological disease.

The unique aspect of this book is that the differential diagnosis lists are prioritized by listing the most common possibilities first. Furthermore, less common diagnoses that are potentially fatal or disabling in the

acute period (diagnoses that “you don’t want to miss”) are also highlighted. So the most common and the most dangerous disorders are given greater weight than rare or slowly evolving conditions that are less urgent, like a top 10 list of most common clinical neurological scenarios.

Moreover, each differential also contains characteristics that help distinguish the specific diagnoses. *Neurological Differential Diagnosis: A Prioritized Approach* is a user-friendly and easily understandable guide to the most common and most dangerous neurological conditions.

Neurological Differential Diagnosis: A Prioritized Approach has been written for practitioners and medical trainees with an interest in neurological diagnosis. This includes neurology, neurosurgery and psychiatry residents, also internal medicine or family medicine residents, and, of course, medical students. Primary care practitioners should also find the organization of this book useful in their daily practice.

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