Preface

The concept of this book arose from a perceived need for a comprehensive review of the current best evidence in the practice of neurology. Our goal was to present the evidence in a user-friendly and easily accessible manner. We hope we have achieved our objective.

The three co-editors are linked in their passion for evidence-based clinical practice in the clinical neurological sciences, connected to a common historical origin at the University of Western Ontario (UWO), London, Ontario, Canada, influenced directly by Evidence-Based Medicine teachings of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and two of them trained by a terrific mentor, Samuel Wiebe. Mary Jenkins and Bart Demaerschalk completed neurology residency at UWO, and Jorge Burneo trained in Epidemiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and later joined UWO as faculty. All three co-editors are actively involved in teaching and practicing evidence-based neurology at their respective institutions, UWO and Mayo Clinic. Their common link, initially in training and now teaching in evidence-based neurology, fueled their desire to complete this book.

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May you find the contents of this book helpful to you, the reader, in the management of patients in your individual practices, your personal education and training, and in your mentorship and instruction of those more junior to you.

Enjoy.

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