Preface to the Second Edition

In 2010, I began the preface of the first edition of *Neurology: A Clinician’s Approach* by asking whether the world needed another introductory neurology textbook. I was uncertain about the answer then, and the availability of electronic resources that can be updated instantaneously to reflect new developments in biomedical science renders the necessity of such a book even more doubtful. Nevertheless, books like this one do have their place: a brief and finite survey text is more valuable to new neurology residents and students than a web of information in which a newcomer will be entangled easily.

Neurology has changed a great deal since 2010. Powerful new treatments are available for stroke, epilepsy, and multiple sclerosis. Paraneoplastic syndromes have been identified as underlying once mysterious disorders of the nervous system. New imaging techniques capable of defining pathology in Alzheimer disease and Parkinson disease are being incorporated into everyday practice. At its core, though, the practice of neurology is unchanged. It is done at the bedside and needs to be approached with the same classical techniques of history taking, directed examination, and localization that trace their roots back to Charcot and the other pioneers of neurology of the nineteenth century. Introducing the reader to these techniques remains the focus of *Neurology: A Clinician’s Approach*.

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