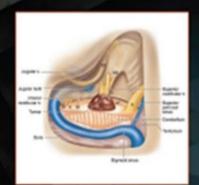
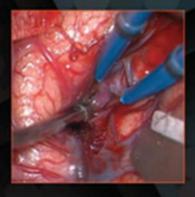


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As the most challenging discipline, Neurosurgery rebuffs any single text's attempt at revealing its intricacies and complexities. Accordingly, this text and its individual chapters aim for a more humble goal. Together, they aspire to serve as a primer of essential material often reviewed during certification examinations and a framework into which deeper knowledge can be contextualized.

From the perspective of didactic utility, the standard, time-tested neurosurgical text-books offer a distillation of the most useful art and schemata. Therefore, figures from these familiar texts have been incorporated into this book, along with new art and imaging, in the hope that the aggregate will constitute a robust visual fabric within 100 Case Reviews in Neurosurgery.

The book is divided into intuitive sections. The information provided and the questions posed follow the experience of a neurosurgeon being consulted in the hospital or seeing a new patient in clinic that has come to them for care. The vascular section covers surgical and nonsurgical elements that are key elements of essential vascular cases. The peripheral nerve section is particularly detailed since this is a specialized field most general neurosurgeons have limited exposure to in daily practice. The appendices provide information that is vital yet cumbersome to include in the flow of the chapters. The layout and presentation of information follows the formats of common grand rounds and examinations most readers have experienced from the beginning of their neurosurgical training through their current continuing education.

The most challenging part of constructing the book you now read has been to find that elusive balance invaluable to the modern pedagogical text between comprehensiveness and concision, between textual explanation and visual illustration, between esoteric specificity and simple intelligibility. My hope is that the content presented here has been insightfully and incisively curated for your purposes.

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Presentation

An 18-year-old female presents to the ED with severe headaches, nausea, vomiting, and complex partial seizure beginning on the right side of the body. She has no history of prior seizures. She has had headaches in the past, but this headache is worse than usual.

- PMH: otherwise unremarkable; no recent trauma
- Exam: mild left-sided weakness

Differential Diagnosis

- Vascular
 - Ischemic/embolic stroke
 - Arteriovenous malformation (AVM)
 - · Cavernous hemangioma
 - Aneurysm rupture
 - Moyamoya disease
- Infectious
 - CNS infection (herpes simplex encephalitis)
- Neoplastic
 - Primary cerebral tumor
 - Metastasis (most commonly lung, renal cell carcinoma, melanoma, breast)
- Metabolic/toxic/nutritional
 - Alcohol withdrawal
 - · Drug intoxication
 - Electrolyte abnormalities
 - Hypoglycemia
- Congenital/developmental
 - Osler-Weber-Rendu disease
 - Sturge-Weber syndrome
 - Wyburn-Mason syndrome ("Bonnet-Dechaume-Blanc syndrome")

Initial Imaging



FIGURE 1-1

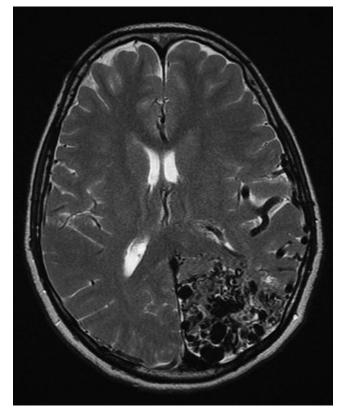


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