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This book offers practical guidelines for performing efficient and cost-effective MRI examinations. By adopting a practical protocol-based approach the work-flow in a MRI unit can be streamlined and optimized. All chapters have been thoroughly reviewed, and new techniques and figures are included. There is a new chapter on MRI of the chest. This book will help beginners to implement the protocols and will update the knowledge of more experienced users.

Our thanks go to our colleagues at the VU University Medical Center and to those in other hospitals who referred their patients to us. We are indebted to all colleagues who allowed us to use their MR images, holds. At the same time, however, much has changed. There has been immense progress in the technical possibilities of magnetic resonance and in the knowledge of genetic defects, biochemical abnormalities, and cellular processes underlying myelin disorders. Two colleagues were particularly helpful: our friends Susan Blaser, from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and Zoltán Patay, from the King Faisal Hospital in Riyadh. This immense progress has prompted us to embark upon the enormous task of rewriting the previous edition and adding 40 chapters. In doing so we have Many people at the VU University Medical Center tried to cover most white matter disorders, hereditary have been of great technical help to us in producing and acquired, and to present a collection of images to high quality images and in providing secretarial illustrate the field to the fullest possible extent. This assistance. The contributions of these people are edition will therefore be more complete than the pre-mentioned separately in the acknowledgements.

Magnetic Resonance Neuroimaging is a comprehensive volume that focuses on the newest fields of MRI from functional and metabolic mapping to the latest applications of neuro-interventional techniques. Each chapter offers critical discussions regarding available methods and the most recent advances in neuroimaging, including such topics as the use of diffusion and perfusion MRI in the early detection of stroke, the revolutionary advent of high-speed MRI for non-invasively mapping cortical responses to task activation paradigms, and the principles and applications of contrast agents. The chapters also discuss how these new advances are applied to problems in patients ranging in age from the newborn to the elderly, as well as disease states ranging from metabolic encephalopathy to cardiovascular disorders and stroke. Magnetic Resonance Neuroimaging will be a valuable text/reference for residents, research fellows, and clinicians in radiology, neuroradiology, and magnetic resonance imaging.

This is the second, completely rewritten edition of the widely acclaimed book on MR of myelin, myelination and myelin disorders (1989). In the last five years many new data became available with regard to genetics, molecular biology, the role of cellular substructures on one side and on the other side regarding the growing experience with MR patterns of less common myelin disorders. Not only, therefore, the text has been updated, but many new chapters have been added on disorders of which previously the white matter involvement was less clear. The acquired myelin disorders were reorganized and their backgrounds were more extensively elucidated, to place the MR examinations in the clinical context where they belong.

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Diffusion MRI remains the most comprehensive reference for understanding this rapidly evolving and powerful technology and is an essential handbook for designing, analyzing, and interpreting diffusion MR experiments. Diffusion imaging provides a unique window on human brain anatomy. This non-invasive technique continues to grow in popularity as a way to study brain pathways that could never before be investigated in vivo. This book covers the fundamental theory of diffusion imaging, discusses its most promising applications to basic and clinical neuroscience, and introduces cutting-edge methodological developments that will shape the field in coming years. Written by leading experts in the field, it places the exciting new results emerging from diffusion imaging in the context of classical anatomical techniques to show where diffusion studies might offer unique insights and where potential limitations lie. Fully revised and updated edition of the first comprehensive reference on a powerful technique in brain imaging Covers all aspects of a diffusion MRI study from acquisition through analysis to interpretation, and from fundamental theory to cutting-edge developments New chapters covering connectomics, advanced diffusion acquisition, artifact removal, and applications to the neonatal brain Provides practical advice on running an experiment Includes discussion of applications in psychiatry, neurology, neurosurgery, and basic neuroscience Full color throughout

This atlas presents normal imaging variations of the brain, skull, and craniocervical vasculature. Magnetic resonance (MR) imaging and computed tomography (CT) have advanced dramatically in the past 10 years, particularly in regard to new techniques and 3D imaging. One of the major problems experienced by radiologists and clinicians is the interpretation of normal variants as compared with the abnormalities that the variants mimic. Through an extensive collection of images, this book offers a spectrum of appearances for each variant with accompanying 3D imaging for confirmation; explores common artifacts on MR and CT that simulate disease; discusses each variant in terms of the relevant anatomy; and presents comparison cases for the purpose of distinguishing normal findings from abnormalities. It includes both common variants as well as newly identified variants that are visualized by recently developed techniques such as diffusion-weighted imaging and multidetector/multislice CT. The book also highlights normal imaging variants in pediatric cases. Atlas of Normal Imaging Variations of the Brain, Skull, and Craniocervical Vasculature is a valuable resource for neuroradiologists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, and radiologists in interpreting the most common and identifiable variants and using the best methods to classify them expediently.

MRI Atlas of Pediatric Brain Maturation and Anatomy and its software application offer a concise review of normal myelin, myelination, and commonly used MR techniques. Practical points on using MRI to assess the progress of brain maturation are discussed, followed by clinically relevant summaries of normal MR appearances grouped by age. The book version contains abridged sets of normal reference MR images between preterm and 3 years of age. The software provides immediate access to over 13,000 high resolution, normal comparison MR images of subjects ranging in age from 32 gestational weeks to 3 years. Designed as both a practical clinical resource and educational tool, the software is ideal for use at the imaging workstation where one can rapidly bring up complete sets of high quality, scrollable MR reference images with guiding annotations to ensure more accurate and clinically valuable interpretations. Suspected deviations from normal brain development or MR signal can be more confidently identified or excluded, and diagnostic errors arising from unfamiliarity with the changing MR appearances of the immature brain can be minimized.

This volume contains the papers presented at the 14th International Conference on Information Processing in Medical Imaging. IPMI meetings have a strong emphasis on the clinical relevance and validation of medical imaging. This book covers the whole spectrum: acquisition, tomographic reconstruction, registration, segmentation, knowledge-based analysis, display and image quality as well as several important applications. Several papers present significant advances in topics already discussed at previous meetings while others deal with

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new topics and methodology, opening new horizons in medical imaging. In addition to the 28 full-length papers, 30 short communications are included to sample the most current work in progress. Audience: An up-to-date and complete overview of ongoing research in medical imaging, beneficial to all physicists, computer scientists and physicians who wish to remain informed on state-of-the-art methodology in medical imaging.

Building on the success of the first edition of this book, the winner of the 2004 British Medical Association Radiology Medical Book Competition, *Quantitative MRI of the Brain: Principles of Physical Measurement* gives a unique view on how to use an MRI machine in a new way. Used as a scientific instrument it can make measurements of a myriad of physical and biological quantities in the human brain and body. For each small tissue voxel, non-invasive information monitors how tissue changes with disease and responds to treatment. The book opens with a detailed exposition of the principles of good practice in quantification, including fundamental concepts, quality assurance, MR data collection and analysis and improved study statistical power through minimised instrumental variation. There follow chapters on 14 specific groups of quantities: proton density, T1, T2, T2*, diffusion, advanced diffusion, magnetisation transfer, CEST, 1H and multi-nuclear spectroscopy, DCE-MRI, quantitative fMRI, arterial spin-labelling and image analysis, and finally a chapter on the future of quantification. The physical principles behind each quantity are stated, followed by its biological significance. Practical techniques for measurement are given, along with pitfalls and examples of clinical applications. This second edition of this indispensable 'how to' manual of quantitative MR shows the MRI physicist and research clinician how to implement these techniques on an MRI scanner to understand more about the biological processes in the patient and physiological changes in healthy controls. Although focussed on the brain, most techniques are applicable to characterising tissue in the whole body. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to use the gamut of modern quantitative MRI methods to measure the effects of disease, its progression, and its response to treatment.

This open access book focuses on processing, modeling, and visualization of anisotropy information...--

The explosion of insights in the field of metabolic disease has shed new light on diagnostic as well as treatment options. 'Inherited Metabolic Disease – A Clinical Approach' is written with a reader-friendly consistent structure. It helps the reader to find the information in an easily accessible and rapid way when needed. Starting with an overview of the major groups of metabolic disorders it includes algorithms with questions and answers as well as numerous graphs, metabolic pathways, and an expanded index. Clinical and diagnostic details with a system and symptom based are given to facilitate an efficient and yet complete diagnostic work-up of individual patients. Further, it offers helpful advice for emergency situations, such as hypoglycemia, hyperammonemia, lactic acidosis or acute encephalopathy. Five different indices allow a quick but complete orientation for common important constellations. Last but not least, it has an appendix with a guide to rapid differential diagnosis of signs and symptoms and when not to suspect metabolic disease. It will help physicians to diagnose patients they may otherwise fail to diagnose and to reduce unnecessary referrals. For metabolic and genetic specialists especially the indices will be helpful as a quick look when being called for advice. It has all it needs to become a gold standard defining the clinical practice in this field.

This book provides cutting-edge information on the epidemiology, etiopathogenesis, clinical manifestations, diagnostic procedures and treatment approaches for the main white matter (WM) disorders of the central nervous system (CNS). WM lesions are associated with many neurological conditions, and with aging. The diagnostic work-up of neurological diseases characterized by the presence of these lesions has changed dramatically over the past few years. This is mainly due on the one hand to the discovery of specific pathogenetic factors in some of these conditions, and on the other to the optimized use of diagnostic tools. All of this has resulted in new diagnostic algorithms, and in the

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identification of new neurological conditions. The book offers neurologists essential guidance in the diagnosis and treatment of the most frequent WM conditions, promoting their correct and cost-saving diagnosis and management. By integrating neurological, laboratory and imaging concepts with the demands of accurate diagnosis, this reference guide provides a state-of-the-art overview of the current state of knowledge on these conditions, as well as practical guidelines for their diagnosis and treatment.

Unraveling the functional properties of structural elements in the brain is one of the fundamental goals of neuroscientific research. In the cerebral cortex this is no mean feat, since cortical areas are defined microstructurally in post-mortem brains but functionally in living brains with electrophysiological or neuroimaging techniques – and cortical areas vary in their topographical properties across individual brains. Being able to map both microstructure and function in the same brains noninvasively in vivo would represent a huge leap forward. In recent years, high-field magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologies with spatial resolution below 0.5 mm have set the stage for this by detecting structural differences within the human cerebral cortex, beyond the Stria of Gennari. This provides the basis for an in vivo microanatomical brain map, with the enormous potential to make direct correlations between microstructure and function in living human brains. This book starts with Brodmann's post-mortem map published in the early 20th century, moves on to the almost forgotten microstructural maps of von Economo and Koskinas and the Vogt-Vogt school, sheds some light on more recent approaches that aim at mapping cortical areas noninvasively in living human brains, and culminates with the concept of "in vivo Brodmann mapping" using high-field MRI, which was introduced in the early 21st century.

Handbook of Pediatric Brain Imaging: Methods and Applications presents state-of-the-art research on pediatric brain image acquisition and analysis from a broad range of imaging modalities, including MRI, EEG, MEG, PET, Ultrasound, NIRS and CT. With rapidly developing methods and applications of MRI, this book strongly emphasizes pediatric brain MRI, elaborating on the sub-categories of structure MRI, diffusion MRI, functional MRI, perfusion MRI and other MRI methods. It integrates a pediatric brain imaging perspective into imaging acquisition and analysis methods, covering head motion, small brain sizes, small cerebral blood flow of neonates, dynamic cortical gyrification, white matter tract growth, and much more. Presents state-of-the-art pediatric brain imaging methods and applications Shows how to optimize the pediatric neuroimaging acquisition and analysis protocols Illustrates how to obtain quantitative structural, functional and physiological measurements

In recent decades, the use of neuroimaging techniques has resulted in outstanding progress in the diagnosis and management of neurological diseases, and this is particularly true of those diseases that affect the white matter of the brain and spinal cord. This book, written by internationally acclaimed experts, comprises a series of comprehensive and up-to-date reviews on the use of MR imaging in these major neurological conditions. The diverse available MR techniques, such as magnetization transfer MRI, diffusion-weighted MRI, MR spectroscopy, functional MRI, cell-specific MRI, perfusion MRI, and microscopic imaging with ultra-high field MRI, offer an extraordinarily powerful means of gaining fundamental in vivo insights into disease processes. The strengths and weaknesses of all these techniques in the study of multiple sclerosis and other relevant diseases are extensively considered. After an introductory section on neuroimaging technology, subsequent sections address disorders of myelination, demyelinating diseases, immune-mediated disorders, and white matter disorders related to aging and other conditions. This book provides a valuable summary of the state of the art in the field, and defines important areas for future research.

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"Background: Myelin, produced by glial cells of the nervous system, provides insulating support to axons, enabling for more efficient and specialized functioning of the brain. Myelination begins during gestation, but intensifies after birth during the first years of life, and continues up to the adolescent period. Brain injury during this time, for example secondary to birth asphyxia, may impair this process and lead to long-term motor, sensory, and cognitive neurodevelopmental consequences. Currently, the impact of such injury on brain myelination is unknown. Objective: Our objective was to assess myelination over the first month of life in term asphyxiated newborns treated with hypothermia and healthy newborns. Methods: Term asphyxiated newborns treated with hypothermia and healthy newborns were studied. Brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was performed around day of life 2, 10, and 30. Myelination was measured in various regions of interest using a T2*-weighted imaging sequence. Myelination values were compared between asphyxiated newborns with brain injury and newborns without brain injury in each region of interest. Analyses were performed according to MRI timing and according to corrected gestational age at the time of MRI. Results: Myelination was significantly decreased around day 2-3 of life in the posterior limbs of internal capsule ($p = 0.02$), the thalami ($p = 0.03$) and the lentiform nuclei ($p = 0.008$) in the asphyxiated newborns with injury. Myelination remained significantly decreased around day 10 of life in the posterior limbs of internal capsule ($p = 0.03$), but not in the thalami and the lentiform nuclei. In those asphyxiated newborns with injury, myelination was significantly associated with corrected gestational age at the time of brain MRI scans in the posterior limbs of internal capsule ($r = -0.59$; p

Presenting the novel concept of white matter dementia, this unique book offers hope for a better understanding and treatment of dementia.

The mathematical sciences are part of everyday life. Modern communication, transportation, science, engineering, technology, medicine, manufacturing, security, and finance all depend on the mathematical sciences. Fueling Innovation and Discovery describes recent advances in the mathematical sciences and advances enabled by mathematical sciences research. It is geared toward general readers who would like to know more about ongoing advances in the mathematical sciences and how these advances are changing our understanding of the world, creating new technologies, and transforming industries. Although the mathematical sciences are pervasive, they are often invoked without an explicit awareness of their presence. Prepared as part of the study on the Mathematical Sciences in 2025, a broad assessment of the current state of the mathematical sciences in the United States, Fueling Innovation and Discovery presents mathematical sciences advances in an engaging way. The report describes the contributions that mathematical sciences research has made to advance our understanding of the universe and the human genome. It also explores how the mathematical sciences are contributing to healthcare and national security, and the importance of mathematical knowledge and training to a range of industries, such as information technology and entertainment. Fueling Innovation and Discovery will be of use to policy makers, researchers, business leaders, students, and others interested in learning more about the deep connections between the mathematical sciences and every other aspect of the modern world. To function well in a technologically advanced society, every educated person should be familiar with multiple aspects of the

mathematical sciences.

This up-to-date, superbly illustrated book is a practical guide to the effective use of neuroimaging in the patient with cognitive decline. It sets out the key clinical and imaging features of the various causes of dementia and directs the reader from clinical presentation to neuroimaging and on to an accurate diagnosis whenever possible. After an introductory chapter on the clinical background, the available "toolbox" of structural and functional neuroimaging techniques is reviewed in detail, including CT, MRI and advanced MR techniques, SPECT and PET, and image analysis methods. The imaging findings in normal ageing are then discussed, followed by a series of chapters that carefully present and analyze the key findings in patients with dementias.

Throughout, a practical approach is adopted, geared specifically to the needs of clinicians (neurologists, radiologists, psychiatrists, geriatricians) working in the field of dementia, for whom this book will prove an invaluable resource.

CD-ROM contains the text of Magnetic resonance imaging including over 270 images, zoom functions and searching capabilities. Major depressive disorder (MDD) is a debilitating psychiatric condition and a leading contributor to the global burden of disease. Characterizing MDD-related abnormalities in neurobiological processes will inform more comprehensive etiological frameworks of MDD that will facilitate the development of more targeted approaches to the prevention and identification of, and intervention for, this disorder. In this context, one promising biological target is myelin, a specialized biological tissue and fundamental facilitator of neuronal communication. Myelin ensheaths axons and facilitates saltatory conduction of electrical signaling in the nervous system. Postmortem studies of brains of depressed individuals, and non-human animal, genetic, and neuroimaging studies suggest that abnormalities in myelin are associated with MDD. Growing evidence suggests that neural activity and myelin influence each other to support an effective nervous system, and that stress-related neuroinflammation may result in the degradation of myelin in MDD. Brain regions implicated in this research, and in MDD more generally, include the nucleus accumbens (NAcc) and the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC), core regions involved in reward and cognitive control processes, respectively. Recent developments in quantitative magnetic resonance imaging (qMRI) allow for improved assessment of myelin content at the whole brain level, in vivo, in humans through the measure of R1. In this study we used qMRI to measure R1 to examine whether the brains and, in particular, the NAcc and DLPFC, of individuals diagnosed with MDD are characterized by reductions in myelin content compared to individuals without a history of psychiatric disorder (i.e., healthy controls [CTLs]). We found that the MDD group had lower levels of myelin than did the CTL group at the whole brain level and in the NAcc. Furthermore, myelin content of the DLPFC was reduced in MDD participants who had experienced a greater number of depressive episodes compared to both MDD participants who had experienced fewer depressive episodes and participants in the CTL group. Taken together, these results offer new evidence that MDD is characterized by reduced myelin content of the brain and in the NAcc in particular, and that the chronicity of MDD is associated with reduced myelin in the DLPFC. While further research is needed to elucidate the role of myelin in influencing affective, cognitive, behavioral, and clinical aspects of MDD, the current study provides important evidence that a fundamental property of brain composition, myelin, is altered in this disorder.

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MRI can play an important role in identifying and localizing epileptogenic foci. This book aims to provide the clinical and imaging information required in order to decide whether an MRI scan is appropriate and whether it is likely to be sufficient to detect a lesion. The first part of the book presents background information on epilepsy patients and explains how to perform an MRI examination. Detailed attention is paid to functional MRI and post-processing, and the examination of subcategories of patients is also discussed. The second part of the book then documents the MRI findings obtained in the full range of epileptogenic lesions with the aid of high-quality images. Throughout, emphasis is placed on guiding the reader in the correct interpretation of the imaging findings. Both radiologists and referring physicians will find this book to be an indispensable guide to the optimal use of MRI in epilepsy.

Quantitative Magnetic Resonance Imaging is a 'go-to' reference for methods and applications of quantitative magnetic resonance imaging, with specific sections on Relaxometry, Perfusion, and Diffusion. Each section will start with an explanation of the basic techniques for mapping the tissue property in question, including a description of the challenges that arise when using these basic approaches. For properties which can be measured in multiple ways, each of these basic methods will be described in separate chapters. Following the basics, a chapter in each section presents more advanced and recently proposed techniques for quantitative tissue property mapping, with a concluding chapter on clinical applications. The reader will learn:

- The basic physics behind tissue property mapping
- How to implement basic pulse sequences for the quantitative measurement of tissue properties
- The strengths and limitations to the basic and more rapid methods for mapping the magnetic relaxation properties T1, T2, and T2*
- The pros and cons for different approaches to mapping perfusion
- The methods of Diffusion-weighted imaging and how this approach can be used to generate diffusion tensor maps and more complex representations of diffusion
- How flow, magneto-electric tissue property, fat fraction, exchange, elastography, and temperature mapping are performed
- How fast imaging approaches including parallel imaging, compressed sensing, and Magnetic Resonance Fingerprinting can be used to accelerate or improve tissue property mapping schemes
- How tissue property mapping is used clinically in different organs

Structured to cater for MRI researchers and graduate students with a wide variety of backgrounds Explains basic methods for quantitatively measuring tissue properties with MRI - including T1, T2, perfusion, diffusion, fat and iron fraction, elastography, flow, susceptibility - enabling the implementation of pulse sequences to perform measurements Shows the limitations of the techniques and explains the challenges to the clinical adoption of these traditional methods, presenting the latest research in rapid quantitative imaging which has the possibility to tackle these challenges Each section contains a chapter explaining the basics of novel ideas for quantitative mapping, such as compressed sensing and Magnetic Resonance Fingerprinting-based approaches

The thoroughly updated Fourth Edition of this acclaimed reference describes and illustrates the full range of pediatric disorders diagnosable by modern neuroimaging. This edition includes state-of-the-art information on the use of proton spectroscopy, diffusion imaging, and perfusion imaging in diagnosing metabolic disorders, brain tumors, abnormalities of cerebral microstructure, and abnormalities of blood flow. New entities have been added to the chapters on metabolic disorders, brain injuries, congenital

malformations of the brain and skull, cerebellar disorders, brain tumors, phakomatoses, hydrocephalus, and infections. More than 2,400 images complement the text. A List of Disorders with corresponding page numbers enables readers to quickly look up a disease.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is now considered the imaging modality of choice for the majority of disorders affecting the central nervous system. This is particularly true for gray and white matter disorders, thanks to the superb soft tissue contrast in MRI which allows gray matter, unmyelinated, and myelinated white matter to be distinguished and their respective disorders identified. The present book is devoted to the disorders of myelin and myelination. A growing amount of detailed in vivo information about myelin, myelination, and myelin disorders has been derived both from MRI and from MR spectroscopy (MRS). This prompted us to review the clinical, laboratory, biochemical, and pathological data on this subject in order to integrate all available information and to provide improved insights into normal and disordered myelin and myelination. We will show how the synthesis of all available information contributes to the interpretation of MR images. After a brief historical review about the increasing knowledge on myelin and myelin disorders, we propose a new classification of myelin disorders based on the subcellular localization of the enzymatic defects as far as the inborn errors of metabolism are concerned. This classification serves as a guide throughout the book. All items of the classification will be discussed and, whenever relevant and possible, be illustrated by MR images.

Quantitative MRI of the Spinal Cord is the first book focused on quantitative MRI techniques with specific application to the human spinal cord. This work includes coverage of diffusion-weighted imaging, magnetization transfer imaging, relaxometry, functional MRI, and spectroscopy. Although these methods have been successfully used in the brain for the past 20 years, their application in the spinal cord remains problematic due to important acquisition challenges (such as small cross-sectional size, motion, and susceptibility artifacts). To date, there is no consensus on how to apply these techniques; this book reviews and synthesizes state-of-the-art methods so users can successfully apply them to the spinal cord. Quantitative MRI of the Spinal Cord introduces the theory behind each quantitative technique, reviews each theory's applications in the human spinal cord and describes its pros and cons, and suggests a simple protocol for applying each quantitative technique to the spinal cord. Chapters authored by international experts in the field of MRI of the spinal cord Contains "cooking recipes"—examples of imaging parameters for each quantitative technique—designed to aid researchers and clinicians in using them in practice Ideal for clinical settings Emerging imaging modalities continuously increase the diagnostic sensitivity and accuracy of neuroimaging, and have transformed diagnostic radiology into a powerful research and clinical tool. Various novel neuroimaging modalities have become of paramount importance, not only in establishing diagnosis but also in guiding surgical intervention, and in evaluating the treatment effect. Advanced MR based techniques such as Fractional Anisotropy, Diffusion Tensor Imaging, Proton Spectroscopy, and task-generated as well as resting-state functional MRI have tremendously increased the power of the modern neuroscientist's armamentarium. The employment of advanced neuroimaging techniques have been expanded in the scientific fields of

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neuropsychology, consumer's psychology, and forensic medicine. Our current textbook presents exactly a collection of such innovative work, and explores new frontiers, and future applications of neuroimaging

Established as the leading textbook on imaging diagnosis of brain and spine disorders, *Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the Brain and Spine* is now in its Fourth Edition. This thoroughly updated two-volume reference delivers cutting-edge information on nearly every aspect of clinical neuroradiology. Expert neuroradiologists, innovative renowned MRI physicists, and experienced leading clinical neurospecialists from all over the world show how to generate state-of-the-art images and define diagnoses from crucial clinical/pathologic MR imaging correlations for neurologic, neurosurgical, and psychiatric diseases spanning fetal CNS anomalies to disorders of the aging brain. Highlights of this edition include over 6,800 images of remarkable quality, more color images, and new information using advanced techniques, including perfusion and diffusion MRI and functional MRI. A companion Website will offer the fully searchable text and an image bank.

Recent years have witnessed dramatic advances in the development and use of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) techniques that can provide quantitative measures with some degree of pathological specificity for the heterogeneous substrates of multiple sclerosis (MS). Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) is one of the most promising of these techniques. Thanks to MRS, axonal damage is no longer considered an end-stage phenomenon typical of only the most destructive lesions and the most unfortunate cases, but rather as a major component of the MS pathology of lesions and normal-appearing white matter at all the phases of the disease. This new concept is rapidly changing our understanding of MS pathophysiology and, as a consequence, the therapeutic strategies to modify the disease course favorably. Many of the authors have pioneered the use of MRS in MS, thus contributing to the foundation of the "axonal hypothesis".

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This exhaustive text covers all aspects of diagnosis and endovascular treatment of neurological and neurosurgical diseases of the pediatric central nervous system starting from their in utero expression. It also includes the vascular malformations of each district and their endovascular treatment. Besides the "normal" imaging techniques the advanced techniques (spectroscopy, diffusion, perfusion, and functional imaging) are covered in detail. Several topics that are often only superficially dealt with in other books are herewith covered in outstanding detail. The volume is richly illustrated with high-quality neuroradiological images, with pathological correlation where applicable. The rich analytic index makes it an easily usable tool in the everyday clinical practice. The book serves both as a reference for specialists (neuroradiologists, radiologists, neurosurgeons, neurologists, pediatricians) and as a teaching text for residents and fellows-in-training.

Now more streamlined and focused than ever before, the 6th edition of *CT and MRI of the Whole Body* is a definitive reference that provides you with an enhanced understanding of advances in CT and MR imaging, delivered by a new team of international associate editors. Perfect for radiologists who need a comprehensive reference while working on difficult cases, it presents a complete yet concise overview of imaging applications, findings, and interpretation in every anatomic area. The new edition of this classic reference — released in its 40th year in print — is a must-have resource, now brought fully up to date for today's radiology practice. Includes both MR and CT imaging applications, allowing you to view correlated images for all areas of the body. Coverage of interventional procedures helps you apply image-guided techniques. Includes clinical manifestations of each disease with cancer staging integrated throughout. Over 5,200 high quality CT, MR, and hybrid technology images in one definitive reference. For the radiologist who needs information on the latest cutting-edge techniques in rapidly

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changing imaging technologies, such as CT, MRI, and PET/CT, and for the resident who needs a comprehensive resource that gives a broad overview of CT and MRI capabilities. Brand-new team of new international associate editors provides a unique global perspective on the use of CT and MRI across the world. Completely revised in a new, more succinct presentation without redundancies for faster access to critical content. Vastly expanded section on new MRI and CT technology keeps you current with continuously evolving innovations.

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