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and leaves the individual with a severe, life-lasting impairment affecting all organ systems. Without adequate management, the risk of severe morbidity and mortality is very high. In contrast state-of-the-art management makes it possible for most persons with SCI to lead long, fulfilling, and autonomous lives despite neurological impairment. This book covers all medical and surgical aspects of modern SCI management from the scene of the accident through rehabilitation to the life-long follow up.
