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This title seeks to bridge a gap in the specialized literature by providing neurologists, emergency physicians, physiatrists and internists, as well as therapists with new working tools. Also discussed is the relationship of the care-giving physician with the patient's family.
