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CLINICAL SCENARIOS ARE PRESENTED IN A VISUAL FORMAT, IN ORDER TO MAKE LEARNING EASY AND ENJOYABLE. In addition Information is presented in a simple and easy to understand format

This volume can appeal to anyone in the Healthcare field, even if it is not ICU. ICU care of the brain or spinal injured patient Is discussed, in particular, the stroke patient.

We know that there has been an increased focus on strokes and its management, but the clinical scenarios apply to any brain injured patient.

Topics of Volume 3 include:

Airway Management in the Trauma patient
Spinal Shock
Central Cord Syndrome
SCI – Spinal Cord Injury
Hypovolemic Shock, assessment and treatment
(IV fluids, Albumin and Blood transfusion)
Meningitis, its causes, symptoms and treatment
Subarachnoid Hemorrhage (SAH), symptoms and treatment
Kernig's and Brudzinski's Signs
Signs of Decortication and Decerebration
Vasospasm after SAH
Stroke symptoms
Types of stroke – Embolic and Hemorrhagic
Other causes of bleeding into the brain
(Epidural and Subdural Bleeding)
Atrial Fibrillation and its relation to stroke
Stroke prevention – Antihypertensive drugs,
Heparin Therapy
Diagnostic Tests and management of
the Stroke patient (CT scan, MRI , Angiography).
Management of the Stroke patient in the ICU
ICP Monitoring, EVD (External Ventricular Device)
Neurological Assessment of the stroke/ brain
injured patient
Brain Lobes and their functions, including what
deficits to look for
Receptive and Expressive aphasia
Brain stem function

Speech Therapy, Swallowing evaluation

Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (TPN and tube feeding)

PICC line

Complications of TPN

Cranial Nerve Assessment

Seizure activity of the brain injured patient

Care planning of the brain injured patient with seizures

Care planning of the patient on Anticoagulation Therapy

Care planning of the patient confined to bed

(skin, eye and mouth care)

SCD for DVT Prevention (Deep Venous Thrombosis Prevention)

Patient and family education of the brain

Injured patient

Patient Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured Patient

Physical / Occupational and Speech Therapy

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