

Preface

Vasculitis of the Nervous System



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Systemic and nervous system vasculitides are a heterogeneous group of related disorders, each characterized by vascular inflammation such that it has the potential to cause serious morbidity and mortality if unrecognized and therefore untreated. Systemic vasculitis affects all populations and every nationality and walk of life, from childhood to older age. The first issue of “Vasculitis of the Nervous System” published in the *Neurologic Clinics* 30 years ago met the urgent need for a clear, concise, and reliable source of epidemiology, pathogenesis, clinical presentation, laboratory evaluation, and management of these disorders. This updated issue includes many of the original contributors with updated results of translational scientific discoveries, data from clinical trials, and advances in the clinical assessment, pathophysiology, genetic biomarkers, standard of care, and novel therapies of vasculitis.

I am continually inspired at the biennial meetings of The International Vasculitis & ANCA Workshops, which tasks me to summarize their proceedings. This year, the Workshop meets at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and promises to be an exciting interchange of shared knowledge.

In 2019, I am moving my primary medical school affiliation from New York University to City University of New York (CUNY). I have had the good fortune of interacting with brilliant coauthors, and thought-provoking medical students, neurology trainees, public health doctoral students, and professors at New York University, in the Department of Neurology, Division of Neuro-epidemiology, and the College of Global Public Health; and at City University of New York, where I am a doctoral candidate in Health Policy and Management. Together, we strive to the highest ethical standards in clinical medicine and public health practice and research.

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