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Clinical Neuro-Ophthalmology: A Practical Guide

U. Schiefer, H. Wilhelm, W. Hart, eds. New York: Springer; 2007, 319 pages, 184 illustrations in 357 parts, DVD and 5 posters, \$229.00.

Although not written for the neuroradiologist, this attractive 319-page multiauthored book (complete with a DVD and large separate charts) offers a view of the field of clinical neuro-ophthalmology. For those who deal with the imaging in a large eye hospital or with a sizeable ophthalmology department, there are chapters of considerable interest such as the “Functional Anatomy of the Human Visual Pathway” and “Brain Tumors Relevant to Clinical Neuro-Ophthalmology,” in addition to those on optic neuropathies, orbital disease,

disorders of ocular motility, and the neurosurgical approach to the visual pathology. The anatomic drawings are excellent as are the photographs of patients and retinal examinations. There are 5 large separate charts, one of which shows the cavernous sinus anatomy, and a DVD containing all images, drawings, and written material. “Pearls” in each chapter highlight the “take away” points. There are photographs of entities with which we are familiar (but never actually see for ourselves) such as Lisch nodules, morning glory disc anomaly, drusens, various central nervous system palsies, opticiliary shunts, and retinal artery emboli.

To this reviewer, basic clinical books such as this often are helpful in our daily practice because they highlight and stress what is critical to our clinical colleagues. The guide is recommended for a neuroradiology section library where a considerable volume of ophthalmologic radiology is performed.

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