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The advent of next-generation sequencing technologies has resulted in a remarkable increase our understanding of human and animal neurological disorders through the identification of disease causing or protective sequence variants. However, in many cases, robust disease models are required to understand how changes at the DNA, RNA or protein level affect neuronal and synaptic function, or key signalling pathways. In turn, these models may enable understanding of key disease processes and the identification of new targets for the medicines of the future. This e-book contains original research papers and reviews that highlight either the impact of next-generation sequencing in the understanding of neurological disorders, or utilise molecular, cellular, and whole-organism models to validate disease-causing or protective sequence variants.

This practical guide to the diagnosis of neurodegenerative diseases discusses modern molecular techniques, morphological classification, fundamentals of clinical symptomatology, diagnostic pitfalls and immunostaining protocols. It is based on the proteinopathy concept of neurodegenerative disease, which has influenced classification and provides new strategies for therapy. Numerous high-quality images, including histopathology photomicrographs and neuroradiology scans, accompany the description of morphologic alterations and interpretation of immunoreactivities. Diagnostic methods and criteria are placed within recent developments in neuropathology, including the now widespread application of immunohistochemistry. To aid daily practice, the guide includes diagnostic algorithms and offers personal insights from experienced experts in the field. Special focus is given to the way brain tissue should be handled during diagnosis. This is a must-have reference for medical specialists and specialist medical trainees in the fields of pathology, neuropathology and

neurology working with neuropathologic features of neurodegenerative diseases.

The adult patient diagnosed with or at risk for a neurogenetic disease has many questions and concerns for the genetic counselor, the neurologist, and other practitioners. Because of the emotional and potentially life-altering impact of these diseases on the patient and family, counseling can be especially challenging. A rare hands-on guide to the subject, *Genetic Counseling for Adult Neurogenetic Disease* deals with core issues that differentiate adult neurogenetic counseling from its more familiar pediatric counterpart. This innovative book with accompanying videos is designed to fill in deficits in this area typical of training programs in genetic counseling (which have pediatrics and prenatal concentrations) and neurology (which rarely cover genetic counseling). For each condition featured, chapters include a detailed overview of genetic symptoms, diagnostic criteria, and management, plus guidelines for asking, and answering, pertinent questions. The major concentration, however, is on genetic counseling issues and case histories illustrating these issues. As an added dimension, the accompanying videos depict representative issues and challenges in genetic counseling for specific diseases in addition to the basics of a neurological examination. Among the conditions discussed: Movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease. Dementias, including Alzheimer's disease. Stroke. Motor neuron diseases. Neuropathies and channelopathies. Adult muscular dystrophies. Neurocutaneous syndromes. Plus a section on neurological and neuropsychological evaluation. This is information that will stay relevant as technologies change and genetic understanding evolves. *Genetic Counseling for Adult Neurogenetic Disease* offers advanced clinical wisdom for genetic counselors as well as neurologists, neuropsychologists, and other referring clinicians.

Our understanding of the pathology of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is a continuously changing field. New hypotheses are generated with each new discovery; they are abandoned to be reanalyzed after some time under the light of new observations. This book presents a series of reviews from experts in different aspects of the disease focus on these hypotheses. There are also a few review chapters providing clear examples of these new observations that make the field to reanalyze previous conclusions.

Neurobiology of Brain Disorders: Biological Basis of Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders, Second Edition provides basic scientists a comprehensive overview of neurological and neuropsychiatric disease. This book links basic, translational, and clinical research, covering the genetic, developmental, molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying all major categories of brain disorders. It offers students, postdoctoral fellows, and researchers in diverse fields of neuroscience, neurobiology, neurology, and psychiatry the tools they need to obtain a basic background in the major neurological and psychiatric diseases. Topics include developmental, autoimmune, central, and peripheral neurodegeneration, infectious diseases, and diseases of higher function. Organized by individual disorder, each chapter includes coverage of the clinical condition, diagnosis, treatment, underlying mechanisms, relevant basic and translational research, and key unanswered questions. This volume reflects progress in the field since publication of the first edition, with fully updated chapters, and new chapters on isolation, aging, global diseases, vascular diseases, and toxic/metabolic disease. New disorder coverage includes fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, Restless Legs Syndrome, myasthenia gravis, and more. Links basic, translational and clinical research on disorders of the nervous system Covers a vast array of neurological and psychiatric disorders, in-

cluding Down syndrome, autism, muscular dystrophy, diabetes, TBI, Parkinson's, Huntington's, Alzheimer's, OCD, PTSD, schizophrenia, depression and pain Features new chapters on the effects of aging and isolation on brain health Expands coverage on disorders, including new chapters on fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, and restless legs syndrome Features in-text summary points, special feature boxes and research questions

This book introduces chaperone-mediated autophagy (CMA) as energy-driven, lysosomal-dependent mitochondrial inclusion-specific pleomorphic Chaperone body (CB) autophagy (ATG) involving free radical-induced Ca^{2+} dyshomeostasis, $\Delta\Psi$ collapse, and ATP depletion in congenital diseases, pressure ulcers, metabolic diseases, hepatic diseases, diabetes, obesity, inflammatory diseases, musculoskeletal diseases, sarcopenia, cachexia, respiratory diseases, gastrointestinal diseases, hyperlipidemia, skin and hair diseases, pulmonary diseases, cardiovascular diseases, renal diseases, sepsis-induced multi-organ failure, reproductive diseases, inflammatory diseases, ophthalmic diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, drug addiction, aging, microbial (including COVID-19) infections, and belligerent malignancies implicated in early morbidity and mortality and disease-specific spatiotemporal, targeted, safe, and effective evidence-based personalized theranostic chaperonepharmacotherapeutics to cure them. Basic DRESS and GELS principles, nanoparticles to cure chronic multidrug-resistant (MDR) diseases, antioxidants as free radical scavengers, CB antagonists, CMA regulators, and CS stabilizers to curb CB molecular pathogenesis (CBMP) are described for better quality of life and longevity. Specific guidelines for environmental protection and preservation of zoological and botanical species at the verge of extinction, Triple "I" Hypothesis for mitochondrial quality control, and transcriptional regulation of CSexR and CSendoR to cure chronic diseases are presented. Novel CMA index is introduced to evaluate MDR malignancies and other chronic diseases. WHO, CDC, FDA, NIH, policy planners, cosmetologists, trichologists, players, athletes, dancers, wrestlers, equestrians, young women, aging population, toxicologists, environmental protectionists, pharmaceutical industry, biomedical scientists, researchers, medical students, physicians, nurses, paramedical professionals, and global audience will be interested in this interesting book to prevent pandemics and raise healthcare awareness.

Movement Disorders in Psychiatry examines the complex interface between movement disorders and psychiatry, ad-

ressing both specific movement disorders in psychiatry and behavioral syndromes associated with diseases categorized as movement disorders. This volume provides an overview of clinical definitions and pathophysiology of movement disorders and reviews specific movement disorders associated with drugs of abuse and psychotropic medications, including tardive dyskinesia, akathisia, and neuroleptic malignant syndrome. Further chapters discuss movement disorders seen in primary psychiatric disorders, such as autism and schizophrenia, as well as diseases with concurrent movement disorder and behavioral symptoms, such as Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease, frontotemporal dementia, Tourette's syndrome, and autoimmune conditions. Movement Disorders in Psychiatry offers an in-depth perspective on movement disorders with treatment and practical management strategies for related challenges in clinical practice.

Greenfield's Neuropathology, the world's leading neuropathology reference, provides a comprehensive account of the pathological findings in neurological disease, their biological basis, and their clinical manifestations. The book's detailed advice on pathological assessment and interpretation is based on clear descriptions of molecular and cellular processes and reactions that are relevant to the development of the nervous system, as well as its normal and abnormal functioning. The information is presented in an accessible way to readers working within a range of disciplines in the clinical neurosciences, and neuropathological findings are placed within the context of a broader diagnostic process. New for the Ninth Edition: Features online and downloadable digital formats with rapid search functions, annotation and bookmarking facilities, image collections, and live reference links Contains many color illustrations and high-quality clinical photographs to help with interpretation and understanding Includes more than 1000 new photographs and drawings Incorporates new design elements, such as alternate colour coding of chapters for easier navigation Known for its thorough yet practical approach, Greenfield's continues to provide trusted information to all neuropathologists and those in related specialties, including neurologists, neurosurgeons, general pathologists, neuroradiologists, and clinical neuroscientists.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: A Patient Care Guide for Clinicians is intended as a practical reference for clinicians caring for ALS patients, and will bring together the collective wisdom of those at the forefront of patient-oriented research and practice.

This will be an official project of the ALS Research Group (founded by Dr. Mitumoto and currently headed by Dr. Bedlack), and provides both an evidence-based and experience-based guide to multidisciplinary ALS care. The book will begin with a brief review of current concepts of ALS including diagnostic criteria, genetic and sporadic subtypes, epidemiology, co-morbidities and prognosis. Individual chapters then tackle the gamut of specific issues that arise in caring for people with ALS, from breaking the news all the way through end-of-life care and bereavement. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: A Patient Care Guide for Clinicians is divided by disciplines, mirroring the way large multi-disciplinary ALS clinics operate and includes pertinent material for each member of the care team. Each section will have one primary author from that discipline (an expert ALSRG member), who will review the specific issues they have seen arise and review the evidence-based options presented for each issue. Each section will also have a group of secondary authors, other experts from the same discipline who offer counterpoints or other ideas about how to handle clinical problems (i.e. use of lipids and statins, screening for driving, etc.)—essentially what has or hasn't worked for them—thus capturing the variety of opinions across experts in the field and providing real-world care information that isn't available or documented anywhere else.

"This authoritative work, now thoroughly revised, has given thousands of clinicians, students, and researchers a state-of-the-art understanding of the human frontal lobes--the large brain region that plays a critical role in behavior, cognition, health, and disease. Reflecting a decade's worth of important research advances in such areas as functional connectivity mapping of frontal and frontal-subcortical circuits, the third edition is updated throughout. It incorporates rich recent discoveries about both normal and abnormal conditions, including significant new information on frontotemporal dementia (FTD) and an expanded section on neuropsychiatric disorders. Illustrations include eight pages in full color" -- Dust jacket.

Epigenetic mechanisms (DNA modifications, histone alterations and non-coding RNAs) are crucial for transcriptional regulation and alterations of the "physiological epigenome" are increasingly associated with human diseases. During the last decade the emerging field of neuroepigenomics have started to impact tremendously in areas such learning and memory, addiction or neurodegeneration. This expert volume covers the role of epigenetic

molecular mechanism in regulation of central nervous system's function, one of the most exciting areas of contemporary molecular neuroscience. The book describes the current knowledge on the epigenetic basis of human disease covering the complete lifespan: from neurodevelopment/childhood (Rett Syndrome, Rubinstein-Taybi, autism), adolescence (eating disorders, drug addiction, anxiety), adulthood (depression, schizophrenia, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease) and elderly (Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease). The book also covers the three major players on neuroepigenomic mechanisms: histones alterations, DNA modifications and non-coding RNAs, their roles at the molecular and cellular level and the impact of their alterations on neuronal function and behavior. Finally, a special chapter on state-of-the-art technologies helps the reader not only to understand epigenetic driven changes in human cognition and diseases but also the methodology that will help to generate paradigm shifts on our understanding of brain function and the role of the neuroepigenome in human diseases.

Written by neurologists for neurologists, *Decision-Making in Adult Neurology* provides practical guidance when encountering patients whose clinical presentation is unfamiliar or complex, or whose treatment path is not completely certain. This useful handbook is filled with diagnostic and treatment algorithms that encourage you to think systematically and follow a logical sequence through the steps necessary for efficient and effective decision-making. Outlines the key decision points in patient management, providing a wealth of systematic information that ensures you take into account the proper physical signs and test results that will guide your recommendations. Contains 119 algorithms covering symptoms and signs, specific neurologic conditions, vascular disorders, seizures, head trauma, neoplastic disease, peripheral nervous disorders, and muscle disease. Accompanies each algorithm with brief text that explains the significance of important decision points. Provides step-by-step decision-making guidelines for testing and management of paraneoplastic diseases, choice of initial MS therapy, evaluation of incidentally discovered MRI white matter lesions, management of asymptomatic carotid stenosis, and much more.

This book will compile a collection of chapters dedicated to varied aspects of PPM in neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative diseases. Among the topics to be covered are: Recent advances in ALS research News about Clinical aspects and ad-

vanced therapy approaches in personalized treatment of ALS Schizophrenia: New treatments and clinical aspects Predictive, Preventive and Personalised Medicine in aging macular degeneration Advances in Multiple Sclerosis Pharmacogenetics, Tailoring Treatment Efficacy, Safety and Regimen Selection Multiple sclerosis related biomarkers: perspectives for clinical application Preventive clinical trials in brain aging: new trends & the need of guidelines MCI_ clinical guidelines in early diagnosis of dementia Alzheimer's disease: diagnostics, prognostics and the road to prevention Biomarkers for early diagnosis of Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases Synucleinopathies, tauopathies, TDP-43 proteinopathies and amyloidosis PSP, MSA and other parkinsonisms

This volume covers the latest methods used in clinical neurochemistry laboratories for both clinical practice and research. Chapters in this book discuss topics such as techniques for cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) collection, pre-analytical processing, and basic CSF analysis; an examination of biomarkers including ELISA and automated immunochemical assays for amyloid and tau markers for Alzheimer's disease; the analysis of neurofilaments by digital ELISA; and an example of successful novel immunoassay development. In the *NeuroMethods* series style, chapters include the kind of detail and key advice from the specialists needed to get successful results in your laboratory. Cutting-edge and thorough, *Cerebrospinal Fluid Biomarkers* is a valuable resource for clinicians and researchers to use in CSF labs and CSF courses.

"The aim of this book is to provide the clinician with a comprehensive and clinical relevant survey of emerging concepts on the organization and function of the nervous system and neurologic disease mechanisms, at the molecular, cellular and system levels. The content of is based on the review of information obtained from recent advances in genetic, molecular and cell biology techniques, electrophysiological recordings, brain mapping, and mouse models, emphasizing the clinical and possible therapeutic implications. Many chapters of this book contain information that will be relevant not only clinical neurologists but also to psychiatrists and physical therapists. The scope includes the mechanisms and abnormalities of DNA/RNA metabolism, proteostasis, vesicular biogenesis, and axonal transport and mechanisms of neurodegeneration; the role of the mitochondria in cell function and death mechanisms; ion channels, neurotransmission and mechanisms of channelopathies and synaptopathies; the functions of astro-

cytes, oligodendrocytes and microglia and their involvement in disease; the local circuits and synaptic interactions at the level of the cerebral cortex, thalamus, basal ganglia, cerebellum, brainstem and spinal cord transmission regulating sensory processing, behavioral state and motor functions; the peripheral and central mechanisms of pain and homeostasis; and networks involved in emotion, memory, language, and executive function"--

In *Fragile X-Associated Tremor Ataxia Syndrome (FXTAS)*, the editors present information on all aspects of FXTAS, including clinical features and current supportive management, radiological, psychological, and pathological findings, genotype-phenotype relationships, animal models and basic molecular mechanisms. Genetic counseling issues are also discussed. The book should serve as a resource for professionals in all fields regarding diagnosis, management, and counseling of patients with FXTAS and their families, as well as presenting the molecular basis for disease that may lead to the identification of new markers to predict disease risk and eventually lead to target treatments.

This issue of *Clinics in Laboratory Medicine*, guest edited by Dr. A. Zara Herskovits, will cover *Laboratory Testing for Neurologic Disorders*. This issue is one of four selected each year by our Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Milenko Jovan Tanasijevic. Topics discussed in this issue will include: molecular approach to diagnostic testing for children with developmental delay and congenital anomalies, proteopathic and seeding assays (such as RT-QUIC), genetic testing for ALS and FTD, Diagnostic and prognostic testing for Alzheimer's disease, confounds in the interpretation of paraneoplastic antibody panels, Review of neurologic disease sendout testing at an academic medical center, development of new diagnostic tests for neurologic disorders, assuring quality in laboratory testing for sendout reference tests, diagnostic testing for patients with spinal muscular atrophy, among others.

'*Motor Neuron Disease in Adults*' reviews new information from 1998 as it applies to all aspects of motor neuron disease. Articles included use evidence-based methods to ensure that the new information is solid and advances the topic. The book can be used by anyone who provides any type of care to ALS patients.

A flurry of recent research on the role of the RNA/DNA-binding proteins TDP-43 and FUS as well as a dozen other factors (e.g., C9ORF72 and profilin) has led to a new paradigm in our understanding of the pathobiology of the motor neuron disease,

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). How these factors trigger neuromuscular dysfunction is critical for developing more effective ALS therapeutics. The 'gain-of-toxicity' or 'loss-of-function' of these etiological factors is a key question. Recent studies on the imbalance in genome damage versus repair have opened avenues for potential DNA repair-based therapeutics. This book highlights emerging science in the area of ALS and discusses key approaches and mechanisms essential for developing a cure for ALS.

Provides a timely overview of critical advances in molecular and cellular neurobiology, covers key methodologies driving progress, and highlights key future directions for research on neuronal injury and neurodegeneration relevant to neuronal brain pathologies. The editors bring together contributions from internationally recognized workers in the field to provide an up to date account of how and why molecular and cellular neurobiology is such an important area for clinical neuroscience. Understanding the molecular aspects of a number of neurodegenerative conditions such as Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease for the purpose of improving patient management remains a major challenge of neurobiology be it from the basic or clinical perspective. A strategic evaluation of research contributions and the power of modern methods will help advance knowledge over the next years.

After transcription in the nucleus, RNA binding proteins (RBPs) recognize cis-regulatory RNA elements within pre-mRNA sequence to form mRNA-protein (mRNP) complexes. Similarly to DNA binding proteins such as transcription factors that regulate gene expression by binding to DNA elements in the promoters of genes, RBPs regulate the fate of target RNAs by interacting with specific sequences or RNA secondary structural features within the transcribed RNA molecule. The set of functional RNA elements recognized by RBPs within target RNAs and which control the temporal, functional and spatial dynamics of the target RNA define a putative "mRNP code". These cis-regulatory RNA elements can be found in the 5' and 3' untranslated regions (UTRs), introns, and exons of all protein-coding genes. RNA elements in 5' and 3' UTRs are frequently involved in targeting RNA to specific cellular compartments, affecting 3' end formation, controlling RNA stability and regulating mRNA translation. RNA elements in introns and exons are known to function as splicing enhancers or silencers during the splicing process from pre-mRNA to mature mRNA. This book provides case studies of RNA

binding proteins that regulate aspects of RNA processing that are important for fundamental understanding of diseases and development. Chapters include systems-level perspectives, mechanistic insights into RNA processing and RNA Binding proteins in genetic variation, development and disease. The content focuses on systems biology and genomics of RNA Binding proteins and their relation to human diseases.

This book is aimed at generating an updated reservoir of scientific endeavors undertaken to unravel the complicated yet intriguing topic of neurodegeneration. Scientists from Europe, USA and India who are experts in the field of neurodegenerative diseases have contributed to this book. This book will help readers gain insight into the recent knowledge obtained from *Drosophila* model, in understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying neurodegenerative disorders and also unravel novel scopes for therapeutic interventions. Different methodologies available to create humanized fly models that faithfully reflects the pathogenicities associated with particular disorders have been described here. It also includes information on the exciting area of neural stem cells. A brief discussion on neurofibrillary tangles, precedes the elaborate description of lessons learnt from *Drosophila* about Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Spinomuscular Atrophy, Huntington's diseases, RNA expansion disorders and Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia. We have concluded the book with the use of *Drosophila* for identifying pharmacological therapies for neurodegenerative disorders. The wide range of topics covered here will not only be relevant for beginners who are new to the concept of the extensive utility of *Drosophila* as a model to study human disorders; but will also be an important contribution to the scientific community, with an insight into the paradigm shift in our understanding of neurodegenerative disorders. Completed with informative tables and communicative illustrations this book will keep the readers glued and intrigued. We have comprehensively anthologized the lessons learnt on neurodegeneration from *Drosophila* and have thus provided an insight into the multidimensional aspects of pathogenicities of majority of the neurodegenerative disorders.

Over the past ten years, there has been an increasing recognition that syndromes of frontotemporal dysfunction (FTD) are a common occurrence in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Such syndromes may be present in as many as 60% of patients with ALS. Conversely, the occurrence of motor neuron dysfunction in

patients with clinically pure frontotemporal dementia is increasingly recognized. This suggests that to some extent there are overlapping syndromes in which both ALS and FTD occur within the same individual. This volume summarizes the advances in our understanding of these two disorders, as well as the potential relationship between the two. Key topics include advances in our ability to clinically describe the frontotemporal syndromes, preclinical detection, neuroimaging, and genetics. The exploding field of new markers in neuropathology is examined, as is the role of new genetic mutations in DNA/RNA transport systems. This book is the essential reference text for this topic, and will be of interest to neurologists and neurological trainees with a clinical or research interest in the FTDs or ALS, neuropsychologists, neuropathologists, and researchers.

It has become evident over the last years that abnormalities in RNA processing play a fundamental part in the pathogenesis of neurodegenerative diseases. Cellular viability depends on proper regulation of RNA metabolism and subsequent protein synthesis, which requires the interplay of many processes including transcription, pre-mRNA splicing, mRNA editing as well as mRNA stability, transport and translation. Dysfunction in any of these processes, often caused by mutations in the coding and non-coding RNAs, can be very destructive to the cellular environment and consequently impair neural viability. The result of this RNA toxicity can lead to a toxic gain of function or a loss of function, depending on the nature of the mutation. For example, in repeat expansion disorders, such as the newly discovered hexanucleotide repeat expansion in the C9orf72 gene found in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and frontotemporal dementia (FTD), a toxic gain of function leads to the formation of RNA foci and the sequestration of RNA binding proteins (RBPs). This in return leads to a loss of function of those RBPs, which is hypothesized to play a significant part in the disease progression of ALS and FTD. Other toxicities arising from repeat expansions are the formation of RNA foci, bi-directional transcription and production of repeat associated non-ATG (RAN) translation products. This book will touch upon most of these disease mechanisms triggered by aberrant RNA metabolism and will therefore provide a broad perspective of the role of RNA processing and its dysfunction in a variety of neurodegenerative disorders, including ALS, FTD, Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, spinal muscular atrophy, myotonic dystrophy and ataxias. The proposed authors are leading scientists in the field and are expected to

not only discuss their own work, but to be inclusive of historic as well as late breaking discoveries. The compiled chapters will therefore provide a unique collection of novel studies and hypotheses aimed to describe the consequences of altered RNA processing events and its newest molecular players and pathways.

Electrodiagnosis is a method in which diagnostic information is obtained by testing and recording the electrical activities of body parts. It has been used in PMR medicine increasingly in recent years as technology has advanced, and is currently the most common way to diagnose a patient for neuromuscular disorders.

Rosenberg's *Molecular and Genetic Basis of Neurologic and Psychiatric Disease, Sixth Edition: Volume Two* provides a comprehensive introduction and reference to the foundations and practical aspects relevant to the majority of neurologic and psychiatric disease. This updated volume focuses on degenerative disorders, movement disorders, neuro-oncology, neurocutaneous disorders, epilepsy, white matter diseases, neuropathies and neuronopathies, muscle and neuromuscular junction disorders, stroke, psychiatric disease, and a neurologic gene map. A favorite of over three generations of students, clinicians and scholars, this new edition retains and expands on the informative, concise and critical tone of the first edition. This is an essential reference for general medical practitioners, neurologists, psychiatrists, geneticists, related professionals, and for the neuroscience and neurology research community at large. The content covers all aspects essential to the practice of neurogenetics to inform clinical diagnosis, treatment and genetic counseling. Provides comprehensive coverage on the neurogenetic foundation of neurological and psychiatric disease. Presents detailed coverage of genomics, animal models and diagnostic methods, with new coverage on evaluating patients with biochemical abnormalities or gene mutations. Includes new chapters on the pharmacogenomics of epilepsy and the most recent updates in molecular genetics, focusing on neurodegenerative and psychiatric diseases.

This book addresses the role of tandem repeat polymorphisms (TRPs) in genetic plasticity, evolution, development, biological processes, neural diversity, brain function, dysfunction and disease. There are hundreds of thousands of unique tandem repeats in the human genome and their polymorphic distributions have the potential to greatly influence functional diversity and disease susceptibility. Recent discoveries in this expanding field are critically re-

viewed and discussed in a range of subsequent chapters, with a focus on the role of TRPs and their various gene products in evolution, development, diverse molecular and cellular processes, brain function and disease.

Frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is a cruel disease, robbing patients of core human characteristics and wreaking havoc with relationships. Clinical and scientific interest in FTD and related disorders continues to grow rapidly, with major advances having occurred since this book's last publication. New clinical diagnostic criteria were published in 2011; new pathological discoveries have led to new diagnostic criteria; and major genetic discoveries have been made. This new edition covers these developments, providing the leading resource on FTD, PPA, PSP, CBD, FTD-ALS, and related disorders, now written by a more internationally representative group of authors than before. Providing an in-depth and expert synthesis of the status of our knowledge of FTD and related syndromes, the content includes chapters reviewing clinical, neuropsychiatric, neuropsychological, imaging, and other features of FTD and multidisciplinary approaches to patient management. Essential reading for specialist and generalist neurologists, psychiatrists, geriatricians, neuropsychologists, neuropathologists, and basic scientists in relevant fields.

SPECTRUMS OF AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS Discover state-of-the-art research findings on ALS from leading authors and editors in the field. In *Spectrums of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Heterogeneity, Pathogenesis & Therapeutic Directions*, distinguished researchers and editors Dr. Christopher A. Shaw and Jessica R. Morrice deliver a practical and powerful perspective on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) as a heterogeneous spectrum of disorders. This increasingly accepted point-of-view allows researchers and medical professionals to develop better targeted interventions and more precise therapies. In the book, readers will find chapters on a wide variety of critical issues facing ALS researchers and healthcare practitioners treating ALS sufferers, including animal models of ALS, neuronal support cells known to have a pivotal role in ALS, and current challenges in ALS clinical trials, among others. The authors describe pathologic features common to all cases of ALS and why animal models, though crucial, should be interpreted with caution. Finally, multiple genetic and environmental etiologies of the disease are discussed. Readers will also benefit from the inclusion of: A thorough introduction to ALS as a spec-

trum disease and the implications for models, therapeutic development and clinical trial design. Explorations of the genetic basis of ALS, prospective sALS etiologies, and the involvement of microbiome in ALS. Discussions of ALS-PDC and environmental risk factors, protein aggregation in ALS, defects in RNA metabolism in ALS, and the non-cell autonomous nature of ALS and the involvement of glial cells. Examinations of animal models of ALS and perspectives on previously failed ALS therapeutics and current therapeutic strategies. Perfect for clinical neurologists, healthcare providers and caretakers, clinicians, and researchers studying motor neuron disease. *Spectrums of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Heterogeneity, Pathogenesis & Therapeutic Directions* is also an indispensable resource for the neurodegenerative research community, neurology residents, and graduate-level neuroscience students.

This book provides critical reviews of the role of neurotrophins and their receptors in a wide variety of diseases including neurodegenerative diseases like Huntington's syndrome, cognitive function, psychiatric disorders such as clinical depression, Rett syndrome, motoneuron disease, spinal cord injury, pain, metabolic disease and cardiovascular disease. It also contains contributions from leaders in the field dealing with the basic biology, transcriptional and post-translational regulation of the neurotrophins and their receptors. The present book will review all recent areas of progress in the study of neurotrophins and their biological roles.

Under the name of Frontotemporal Dementias (FTD) numerous hereditary and sporadic disorders are listed. FTD may take away speech and language, social skills and ethical judgement, wishes and will, empathy and emotions; it may also impair motor functions. FTD may affect men and women in midlife or during old age leading to the demolition of the uniqueness of the human mind. In the last decade of the 20th century and in the first two decades of the 21st century, progress in the understanding of clinical, neuropathological, biochemical, and genetic aspects of FTD has accelerated. The novel awareness about FTD has directed young generations of researchers toward the study of this complex group of disorders. This Volume has been formulated with the participation of some of the leading scientists who have contributed to the development of knowledge in the clinical and basic science arenas. It captures the current central elements that are relevant to an up-to-date understanding of causes and pathogenesis of multiple forms of FTD. The volume is an opus that represents a distillation of the

work of many scientists and addresses the current directions in the study of one of the most complex groups of diseases. In view of its structure, the book could also be used as a textbook, that offers both a broad and deep analysis of major areas in FTD. This book, planned by the International Society for Frontotemporal Dementias, is distinctive as it opens a window to a wide landscape about the biology of FTD. Thus, the book represents a moment of

reflection on the present state of our knowledge of FTD and a collective vision toward scientific progress. The authors of each chapter share their knowledge and vision aimed at reducing the suffering which is caused by FTD.

Preceded by *Neurobiology of disease* / edited by Sid Gilman. 2007.

Published since 1959, *International Review of Neurobiology* is a well-known series ap-

pealing to neuroscientists, clinicians, psychologists, physiologists, and pharmacologists. Led by an internationally renowned editorial board, this important serial publishes both eclectic volumes made up of timely reviews and thematic volumes that focus on recent progress in a specific area of neurobiology research. This volume, concentrates on the brain transcriptome. Brings together cutting-edge research on the brain transcriptome