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Preface

Neuromuscular medicine is constantly advancing in terms of accurate diagnosis, pathophysiology, and treatment. Many disorders have been discovered within this field that are either autoimmune or genetic. The classifications of many neuromuscular diseases are constantly changing. Neuromuscular medicine is now being recognized as a distinct field in neurology, having its own certification and section in the American Academy of Neurology. The purpose of this book is to provide the readers with the latest updates in treatable autoimmune neuromuscular disorders. Due to page limitations, other autoimmune neuromuscular diseases are not discussed. This book contains information about the more common and well-known diseases.

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