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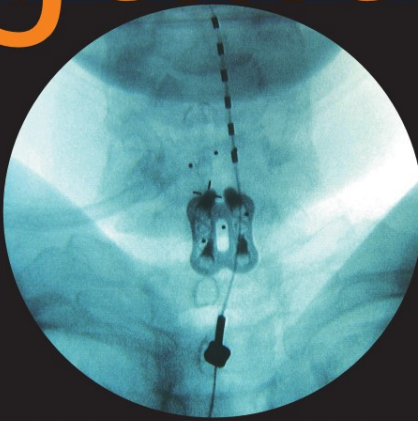
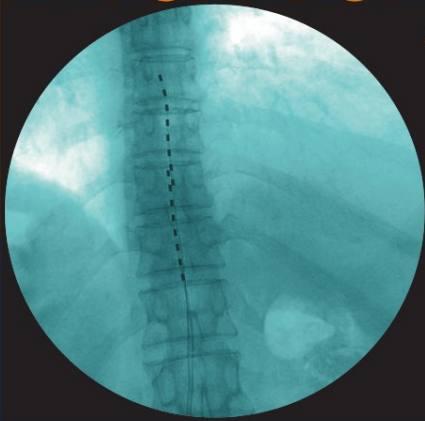
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Foreword

I am honored to write this foreword to the *Atlas of Implantable Therapies for Pain Management*. While implantable devices for the treatment of intractable pain have been used for nearly half a century, never before has such a comprehensive atlas been available for the benefit of the pain practitioner. While several excellent texts have discussed the various aspects of neuromodulation for pain control, including patient, procedure and device selection, their complications, and outcomes, none have provided a detailed pictorial representation of what is a largely technical specialty. By being able to view the devices used for these neuromodulation procedures as well as the detailed procedures used for their implantation, the pain practitioner for the first time can gain access to this exposure that otherwise would require intense apprenticeship with an experienced and skilled mentor.

In this volume, Dr. Deer and his collaborators have provided a clear and instructive visual atlas that provides the pain practitioner not only with a step-by-step guide to these procedures but also instructive views of those procedural steps that require special attention or unique approaches. Nowhere in the history of pain medicine has this material been so lucid and readily available; as such, I expect that it will serve as the standard guide for students, fellows, and practitioners of interventional pain medicine.

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