

BOOK PROPOSAL

Recent Advances in Neurosurgery

A Comprehensive Reference for Researchers and Clinicians

Submitted to the Editorial Board

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1. Overview

This proposal presents a scholarly reference book titled *Recent Advances in Neurosurgery*, conceived as a rigorous, multi-authored compilation of expert-authored review chapters addressing the most consequential developments in contemporary neurosurgical science and practice. The volume is structured as a collection of comprehensive, self-contained review chapters, each authored by specialists with demonstrated expertise in their respective areas, and together forming an authoritative and coherent reference work.

The scope of the book spans the full breadth of modern neurosurgery — from foundational advances in neuroimaging and intraoperative technology to cutting-edge developments in minimally invasive surgery, neuro-oncology, functional neurosurgery, vascular neurosurgery, and neurotrauma. The editorial framework ensures that each chapter reflects the current state of evidence, synthesizes recent primary literature, and identifies emerging directions with translational relevance.

The book is intended to serve as a durable, high-utility reference — one that researchers, clinicians, and advanced trainees will consult repeatedly across the course of their professional work. It is neither a clinical protocol manual nor a student-level introductory text; rather, it occupies the essential but often underserved space between original research literature and textbook-level didactics: a carefully curated and rigorously reviewed synthesis of where the field stands today.

2. Target Readership

This reference book is designed for a diverse, expert readership spanning multiple professional communities united by their engagement with neurosurgical science and its translational applications.

The primary audience includes:

- Neurosurgeons and neurosurgical residents seeking a consolidated, evidence-based reference covering recent advances across subspecialties

- Translational researchers and basic scientists working at the interface of neuroscience and surgical innovation
- Neurologists, neuroradiologists, neuroanesthesiologists, and allied specialists whose clinical practice intersects with neurosurgical care
- Biomedical engineers, neurotechnology developers, and academic scientists engaged in research with neurosurgical relevance
- Graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in neuroscience, neurology, and related biomedical disciplines

The secondary audience encompasses medical librarians and academic institution collections, medical educators developing curriculum around contemporary neurosurgical topics, and research teams preparing grant applications or systematic reviews who require authoritative background literature.

The book is designed to serve international readership, with content structured to transcend regional practice variation and focus on the universal scientific foundations and evidence base that underpin neurosurgical advances globally.

3. Rationale and Need

Neurosurgery is among the most rapidly evolving disciplines in all of medicine. The past decade has witnessed transformative developments across virtually every neurosurgical subspecialty — from the application of artificial intelligence and machine learning in surgical planning, to the expansion of minimally invasive and endoscopic approaches, to the emergence of closed-loop neuromodulation systems, to paradigm-shifting advances in the surgical management of glioblastoma, cerebrovascular disease, pediatric malformations, and spinal pathology. These advances have been accompanied by an exponential growth in the primary literature, making it increasingly difficult for any individual clinician or researcher to maintain a current, integrated understanding of the field.

Despite this rapid pace of change, the reference publishing landscape in neurosurgery has not kept pace. Existing major reference texts in the field are largely encyclopedic works covering the entirety of neurosurgical practice in a format that, while comprehensive, does not lend itself to

the rapid synthesis of recent advances. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses, while valuable, are by nature narrowly scoped and fragmented across journals. There is a clear and demonstrable gap for a high-quality, chapter-format reference work that provides expert-authored, peer-reviewed syntheses of recent advances across the breadth of the field — a book that a researcher can open and immediately access a rigorous, current review of any major neurosurgical topic.

This volume addresses that gap directly. By commissioning chapters from leading investigators and clinicians in each area, and by applying a rigorous editorial and peer-review process to each submission, the editors aim to produce a work of lasting scientific value — one that will serve as a benchmark reference for the current era of neurosurgical progress and an essential resource for those shaping the next generation of advances.

The need for this volume is further reinforced by several converging trends in the research environment:

- **Growing interdisciplinarity:** Modern neurosurgery increasingly intersects with neuroscience, biomedical engineering, oncology, genetics, and data science. A reference that reflects these intersections is essential for researchers working at these boundaries.
- **Increasing demand for evidence synthesis:** Funding agencies, institutional review boards, and journal editors increasingly expect applicants and authors to demonstrate command of the recent literature. A high-quality reference reduces the burden of that synthesis.
- **Educational need:** Training programs in neurosurgery and neuroscience require resources that go beyond foundational texts and introduce trainees to the frontier of the field in a structured, authoritative format.

4. Editorial Control and Quality Assurance

The integrity and scientific credibility of this reference book will be upheld through a multi-layered editorial and quality assurance framework, applied consistently to every chapter in the volume.

Reference Validation

All citations and references submitted within each chapter will be verified for accuracy, completeness, and accessibility. Contributing authors will be required to submit their reference lists in a standard bibliographic format, and the editorial team will conduct systematic checks to confirm that cited sources exist, are correctly attributed, and accurately represent the claims made in the text. Priority will be given to peer-reviewed primary literature, with secondary sources used only where primary evidence is unavailable or the context demands broader synthesis.

Plagiarism Screening

Each submitted chapter will undergo rigorous plagiarism screening using established similarity-detection platforms prior to peer review. Authors will be required to certify that their contribution is original, has not been published elsewhere, and is not under simultaneous consideration by another publisher. Self-plagiarism, including the reuse of previously published text without appropriate attribution, will also be screened and addressed in accordance with standard publication ethics guidelines.

Expert Peer Review

Every chapter will be subject to independent peer review by a minimum of two external reviewers with recognized expertise in the subject area of the chapter. Reviewers will be selected from outside the contributing author team and will evaluate each submission for scientific accuracy, completeness of literature coverage, clarity of synthesis, and overall scholarly quality. In addition, each chapter will undergo review by a designated academic editor drawn from the volume's editorial board, who will provide a final assessment and ensure consistency with the overall scope and standards of the volume. The editorial board reserves the right to request revisions, additional review, or, in cases of fundamental deficiency, to decline publication of a submitted chapter.

5. Closing Statement

Recent Advances in Neurosurgery represents an important and timely contribution to the scientific reference literature in a field that is advancing at an unprecedented pace. The editors

are committed to producing a work of the highest scholarly standard — one that serves the neurosurgical research community as a trusted, authoritative, and enduring resource for years to come.

We are confident that this volume will fill a genuine and recognized gap in the existing literature, and that it will be received as an essential reference by researchers, clinicians, and advanced trainees across the neurosciences worldwide.

The Editorial Desk warmly invites prospective authors — investigators, clinician-scientists, and academic specialists with expertise in any aspect of contemporary neurosurgery — to submit expressions of interest and proposed chapter contributions. We encourage colleagues who are actively engaged in research in the neurosurgical sciences to consider contributing to this collaborative scholarly endeavor. Inquiries regarding chapter scope, submission requirements, and timelines are welcomed and may be directed to the Editorial Desk. We look forward to hearing from you.

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