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Chapter 1 - What Is Neuromodulation?

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Publisher Summary

This chapter focuses on the process of neuromodulation, which is one of the fastest-growing areas of medicine, involving many diverse specialties and impacting hundreds of thousands of patients with numerous disorders worldwide. It is the process of inhibition, stimulation, modification, regulation or therapeutic alteration of activity, electrically or chemically, in the central, peripheral or autonomic nervous systems. It is the science of how electrical, chemical, and mechanical interventions can modulate the nervous system function. Neuromodulation is inherently nondestructive, reversible, and adjustable. The INS (the International Neuromodulation Society) defines neuromodulation as a field of science, medicine, and bioengineering that encompasses implantable and nonimplantable technologies, electrical or chemical, for the purpose of improving quality of life and functioning of humans. At the present time, neuromodulation implantable devices are either neural stimulators or microinfusion pumps. These devices are being utilized for the management of chronic pain, movement disorders, psychiatric disorders, epilepsy, dismotility disorders, disorders of pacing, spasticity, and others. Neuroprostheses such as cochlear implants and sacral root stimulators are also commonly included within the

definition of neuromodulation. Electrical neuromodulation is electrical stimulation of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves, plexuses of nerves, the autonomic system, and functional electrical stimulation of the muscles, while chemical neuromodulation uses direct placement of chemical agents to neural tissues through utilization of technology of implantation such as epidural or intrathecal delivery systems.

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