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## **Pediatric Cerebrovascular Disorders**

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## Book Review

**Pediatric Cerebrovascular Disorders.** By E. S. Roach and Anthony R. Riela. Mt. Kisco, NY: Futura, 257 pp., 1988. \$45

This is a brief but sufficiently comprehensive text on cerebrovascular disease in children and adolescents. The book is clearly written and easy to read. It has the great advantage of having been written by two authors who obviously work together and think alike; therefore, the text has unity and a lack of redundancy throughout. It has excellent discussions of risk factors for stroke in children, childhood hematologic disorders that lead to stroke, inflammatory diseases and vasculopathies of childhood, and sinovenous occlusion. There is also a comprehensive chapter on cerebrovascular embryology. Intracranial aneurysms and vascular malformations, including malformations of the vein of Galen, are covered adequately. The authors have included several interesting case presentations to underline important points.

One of the few shortcomings of the book is that, in an effort to be comprehensive, the authors discuss such entities as lacunar strokes,

atheromatous disease of the cervical carotid arteries, occlusion of the top of the basilar artery, and so forth, which are seen only exceptionally in children. The number of neuroradiologic illustrations is limited, and many are outdated (many of the CT scans are from older-generation scanners, and there are few MR images).

This book will be useful to pediatric neurologists and neurosurgeons and to pediatricians who have a particular interest in neurologic diseases. It will not be useful to neuroradiologists except as a reference text.

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