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This volume of *Advances and Technical Standards in Neurosurgery* is part of a series intended as a supplement to the European postgraduate training system for young neurosurgeons. The first part of each volume discusses recent advances in the fields of neurosurgery and related areas. The second part of each volume consists of descriptions of operative procedures and reviews of various established aspects of neurosurgery. The “Advances” section of this volume contains 3 chap-

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