This completely revised fourth edition of a comprehensive core text for advanced health care practitioners is distinguished by its focus on the increasing role of the APRN in primary care of the multiple sclerosis (MS) patient, the importance of involving the interdisciplinary team in different aspects of care, and the imperative of early and aggressive symptom interventions.

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