The international classification of headache disorders (IHCD-2) contains precise diagnostic criteria for headache disorders, but it is very difficult to read. The book, edited by the chairman of the classification committee, provides an invaluable insight for all those who diagnose headache in their daily practice. This book follows the International Headache Classification, but expands on it by discussing the background of the various diagnoses, the pitfalls and the practical problems in interpretation, and thus provides a more comprehensive source for those diagnosing headache disorders.

This book discusses diagnostic instruments such as headache diaries, headache calendars, and structured interviews. It also focuses on weak points in the headache classification where solid data is missing, and personal experience plays a greater role. Finally, it provides an insight for future descriptive research. A whole catalogue of research ideas are presented which can be realized in any clinical setting where a large number of headache patients are being treated.

Features:
* Gives insight into important new developments in headache diagnosis and explains the complex new classification system ICHD-2
* Edited by the chairman of the Headache Classification Committee
* An aid to clinical diagnosis in a complex field
* Provides background for clinical, diagnostic decision making
* Expert authors for every chapter