Phillip Low, director of one of the best-known laboratories of autonomic function in the world (Mayo), proposes a third edition of this definitive book on clinical autonomic disorders. To 'beef up' the CNS (the brain & spinal cord) portion of the book, Low has chosen another expert as co-author: Eduardo Benarroch, also from Mayo.

The autonomic nervous system (ANS) is a regulatory structure that helps people adapt to changes in their environment. It adjusts or modifies some functions in response to stress and regulates blood vessels' size and blood pressure, the movement and work of the stomach, intestine and salivary glands; and the secretion of insulin and the urinary and sexual functions. Because of an increasing number of autonomic labs, user-friendly software and reasonable reimbursement, the author believes that an updated text is necessary.

The book will serve as the definitive resource for both practicing and academic neurologists (as well as clinicians in such areas as cardiology and GI, where autonomic disorders are more prevalent. The authors will focus on patient care and provide just enough sophisticated scientific lab material to allow for clinical diagnosis and management.

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