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comprehensive clinical reference, from the basic mechanisms underlying
the development of acute pain, to the various treatments that can be
applied to control it in different clinical settings.

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management and its relationship to outcome, and preventive analgesia.

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of drug delivery and non-pharmacological treatments including psychological
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are considered here.

Part Three looks at the many clinical situations in which acute pain can arise, and
the methods of treatment that may be suitable in each circumstance, whether the
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childbirth, or is undergoing rehabilitation. Issues specific to the management of
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