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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 patient is young or old, has pain due to surgery, trauma, medical illness or childbirth, or is undergoing rehabilitation. Issues specific to the management of acute pain in the developing world are also covered here.