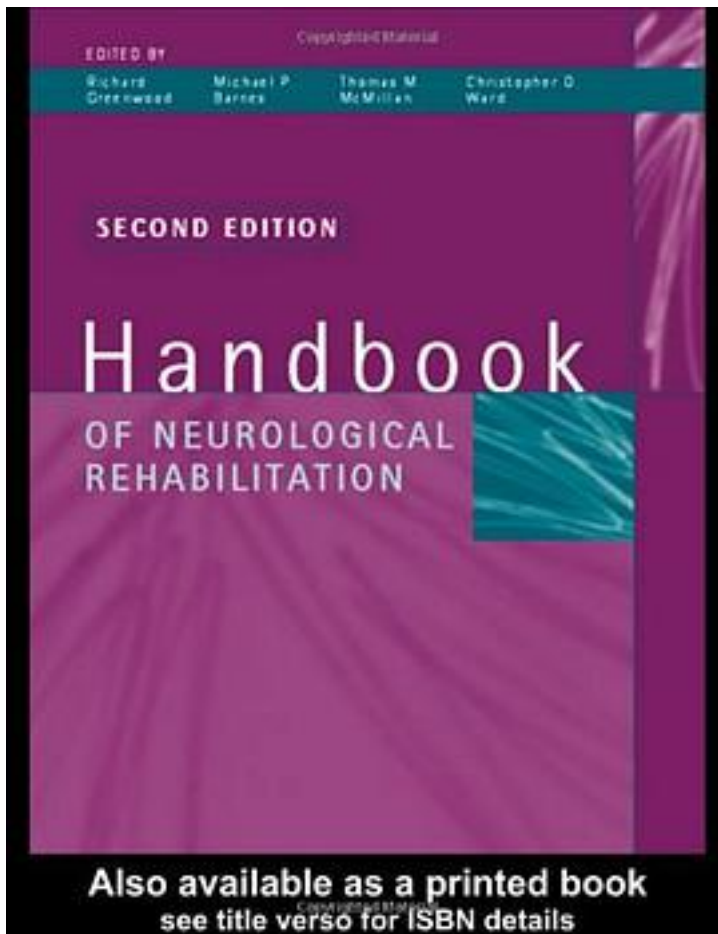


# The Handbook of Neurological Rehabilitation



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Changes in the focus of neurological practice worldwide have led to the need for new standard texts that reflect the current state of this expanding area of clinical expertise.

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