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From the introductory chapter:

.....All the above issues are contemplated from different personal angles in this publication, aimed to present current knowledge and theoryzing in major domains of P&RM. The book contains 65 chapters written by the keynote lecturers of the 2nd World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM), held in Prague, Czech Republic, May 18-22, 2003.

Each keynote lecturer was asked to organize the contents of her/his chapter in accord with the mission of the congress, set as follows: a. Presentation of recent advances and future challenges in rehabilitation science; b. Linking clinical practice in P&RM to basic science through presentation of theory-driven procedures of assessment and intervention; c. Emphasis on outcome measurement and evidence-based P&RM.

The chapters are divided in four parts corresponding to the construction of the scientific program of the Prague congress: a. P&RM in Neurological Disorders (19 chapters); b. P&RM in Orthopedic and Musculoskeletal Disorders (10 chapters); c. P&RM in Other Specific Conditions (7 chapters); d. Topics of General Interest in P&RM (29 chapters).

Being a "reflection on advances in rehabilitation and future challenges" (the congress motto), the authors, each one a leader in her/his field, had the assignment to review the addressed issues with a futuristic approach. Readers will find stimulating novel ideas in various chapters of the book that will be of help in introducing new approaches for assessment and treatment into their own P&RM practice.

The publisher of this book is 'Monduzzi Editore', who publishes also the general proceedings in a separate volume containing 160 manuscripts submitted by participants to the congress.