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Directory of Pain Treatment Centers in the U.S. and Canada.
This has nearly 500 (430 U.S.) entries arranged geographically (by state, then city) and provides a wealth of information ( garnered from questionnaires), including address, phone number, major personnel, referral policies, symptoms treated, treatment procedures, financial coverage accepted, evaluation procedures, diagnostic services, and a narrative description. This coverage compares favorably with general directories, such as Medical and Health Information Directory, edited by Karen Backus (LJ 11/1/88; 4th ed.); that lists names and addresses only for 185 centers. Three indexes provide access to the organization, symptoms (89 categories), and treatment procedures (145 categories). Cross-references are needed (hypnosis is listed under autogenics with no cross-reference), and some centers aren't included (e.g., those at the University of Kentucky); but sufferers and physicians will find this directory useful.—Robert Aken, Univ. of Kentucky Libs., Lexington