The University of Iowa is world-famous for expertise in electromyography (EMG). Dr. Maurice Van Allen first introduced clinical EMG examinations at the new Veterans Administration Medical Center in 1953 but relocated the EMG laboratory to the University of Iowa General Hospital in 1959. Dr. Jun Kimura then further developed the EMG Laboratory and eventually became the Director of the lab in 1972. A large number of trainees have learned the technique from Dr. Kimura, including 120 Japanese research fellows who have been exchange visitors.
Peter Seaba and David Walker were electrical and computer engineers who used their expertise to maintain the EMG and EEG equipment.
Dr. Kimura published a text book, *Electrodiagnosis in Diseases of Nerve and Muscle* in 1983, with the fourth edition appearing in 2013. This textbook is widely regarded as the “Bible of EMG/NCV.”