

Preface

Pediatric Otolaryngology for the Clinician is a user-friendly book directed at practicing general otolaryngologists, pediatricians, and family practice physicians. It will also be of interest to otolaryngology and pediatric residents, medical students, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. However, all clinicians treating children with ear, nose, and throat disorders will find it a useful reference. The book is both comprehensive and easy to follow. It will provide an overview of the main aspects of pediatric otolaryngology and highlight the important clinical facets of care of a child with ear, nose, and throat problems.

Over the last 20 years, pediatric otolaryngology has become a recognized subspecialty within otolaryngology–head and neck surgery. The care of children with ear, nose, and throat problems has become more complex. The book is divided into five sections: general ENT topics, otology, rhinology, head and neck disorders, and emergencies. The chapters within each section were written by recognized experts in their respective fields. However, each chapter is short, informative, and self-contained. The book will act as a quick reference guide on a variety of topics such as antibiotic treatment of ear infections, sleep disorders in children, cochlear implantation, airway management, and many more topics. It was designed to be a source of succinct information for use in a busy pediatric clinic.

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