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## Book Review

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### *Atlas of Otoscopy*

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The *Atlas of Otoscopy* is marked by excellent photography that provides to the reader the detail necessary for the diagnosis of disease of the temporal bone. Authors Joseph B. Touma, PhD, and B. Joseph Touma, MD, have, with photomicrographs, been able to share with the reader their extensive experience with, excellence in, and enthusiasm for the specialty of otology by demonstrating various states of the tympanic membrane—normal and abnormal for the etiologies of inflammation, trauma, tumor, and otosclerosis. Chapter 17, Miscellaneous Pathology, is an especially noteworthy caveat for the benefit of the reader.

The atlas follows the otologic teaching tradition, which emphasizes the necessity for paying attention to detail in examining the tympanic membrane and for con-

sidering its appearance to be a “mirror” reflecting the status of the middle ear, in terms of both its air volume and that of the ossicular chain and its mucosal lining.

What makes this atlas special is the excellent quality of the photographs and the selection by the authors of conditions of the tympanic membrane that are found frequently in an office-based otology or neurotology practice. The photomicrographs are so clearly labeled and captioned that additional, separate diagrams explaining the details of tympanic membrane pathology are unnecessary. The absence of mention of the photographic method is unfortunate, as it would have benefited the reader interested in obtaining similar recordings.

This atlas is recommended to all individuals, particularly professionals, interested and involved in the diagnosis and treatment of ear disease. It is especially recommended as a teaching tool for medical students, otolaryngology residents, and audiology training programs.

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