
Book Review

Color Atlas of Otoscopy from Diagnosis to Surgery, second edition

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The authors are to be complimented on the second edition of this atlas. It is a significant contribution to the surgical specialties of otolaryngology, otology, and neurootology.

The text integrates photographs with text and line drawings, all of which clarify to residents in training, medical students, and experienced otologists an update on the conditions that present on examination of the ear. Clinical diagnoses of inflammation, infection, and tumor pathology, as visualized by updated technological advances in the field of microscopy, render this text an addition to the library of residency training programs in otolaryngology, hearing health care students, and professionals involved or interested in the surgical specialty of otolaryngology. In particular, it is a valuable resource for practicing otolaryngologists and otologists. The textual content is of particular interest to neurootologists.

The table of contents reflects the authors' orderly approach to the multiple etiologies involving the ear. Complaints of hearing loss, tinnitus, vertigo, and ear blockage, alone or in combination, often are presented to practicing otolaryngologists and require a careful and accurate examination of the tympanic membrane. The reader advances, with updated state-of-the-art

methods of otoscopy, from descriptions of diseases of the external auditory canal to descriptions of a normal tympanic membrane. What follow are visual presentations of conditions found in the middle ear and described in order of their frequency of occurrence. In this way, the reader moves from frequent problems seen in the everyday practice of otolaryngology and otology to more complicated issues involving the middle ear and mastoid area. Finally, the chapter on glomus tumors, rare retrotympanic masses, and meningoencephalic herniation introduces the reader to the subspecialty of otology called *neurootology*.

To be considered for the third edition is an expansion of the chapter emphasizing complications that may occur with various surgical approaches for controlling chronic inflammatory disease of the middle ear and mastoid and reconstruction of the sound-conducting ossicular chain for attempting hearing improvement.

This atlas is a significant addition to the library of textbooks and atlases available to medical students, practicing otolaryngologists, otologists, and neurootologists and to professionals involved in the diagnosis and treatment of middle ear and mastoid conditions of inflammatory, tumorous, or carcinogenic etiologies. This atlas will supplement the clinical teaching of otology. Private practitioners; ear, nose, and throat surgeons; pediatricians; general practitioners dealing with chronic inflammatory disease of the middle ear and mastoid; and professionals involved in the field of hearing health delivery will benefit from this text and will find it valuable.

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