

**HEAD, FACE AND NECK TRAUMA:  
COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT**

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This is a multi-author, comprehensive text on head and neck trauma. It is unique in incorporating the practices of different disciplines working in this complex anatomical region. It does however exclude neurosurgical trauma, which reflects the current practice of many head and neck trauma surgeons.

I was particularly impressed by the inclusion of facial nerve, ophthalmologic, laryngeal, pharyngeal and oesophageal trauma. Penetrating injuries have also been well covered.

Within the confines of space, this is an excellent resource for surgeons in training as well as for practising otolaryngologists, maxillofacial surgeons and plastic surgeons.

The chapter on sequencing in facial fracture repair presents the concept of facial units and projections in different planes in a very logical and clear way.

Mandibular condylar fractures treatment is controversial. The chapter on mandibular condylar fractures probably represents the author's practice. Trainee surgeons will of course be drawing on the various sources of information currently available.

I congratulate the author on this concise and truly multidisciplinary approach, which has resulted in an excellent resource for surgeons in different disciplines.

Although the clinical photographs are in black and white, elegant and detailed artwork allows better understanding and visualization of anatomy and surgical procedures. The book comes in hardback with excellent printing and binding quality, a hallmark of Thieme publishers.

I will recommend this book to all trainee clinicians working in the anatomic regions of the head, face and neck as well as to departmental libraries.

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**PAEDIATRIC COCHLEAR IMPLANTATION:  
EVALUATING OUTCOMES**

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Much has been written about cochlear implants over the years. This book on evaluating outcomes in the paediatric population is a unique systematic literature review. Outcomes include auditory performance, speech perception and intelligibility, family and social life, and educational attainments.

Globally, almost 40 000 children under the age of 16 have cochlear implants. The procedure is expensive and involves lifelong support and maintenance. This review is of benefit to health care purchasers, referrers and researchers, and also to implant teams and parents who want additional information to aid their decision-making process.

The literature review criteria were limited to papers from 53 journals, all published in English since 1994. Also studies had to have reported on at least 12 children. The book is structured in four chapters. The first is about reviewing research on outcomes. The second is a comprehensive summary of all the outcome measures. Chapter 3 is a complete listing of all the articles reviewed. The final chapter discusses the outcomes and factors influencing them. The book also points out areas for future research and makes suggestions for minimum information that should be provided in publications in order to facilitate appropriate comparisons between reports. A reference book with a difference.

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