

Book Reviews

UPDATED ENT – 3RD EDITION

G. G. Browning, Butterworth-Heinemann. 1994.
ISBN 075061921X. Price £12.95 (PB) pp 184.

A straightforward introduction to the current practice of otolaryngology. The subjects are presented in a symptom based manner to aid everyday practice of the speciality. It is easy to understand and readable with some good diagrams. However, some of the diagrams representing pathology might be better understood if actual photographs were used. Flow charts are used to good effect to aid understanding of the diagnostic process. There is good advice on management of ENT emergencies.

As with most introductory texts, little is discussed regarding Head and Neck Cancer.

A useful introductory text for students, general practitioners and those in their first placement in an ENT unit.

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OTOSCOPY: A STRUCTURED APPROACH

P. J. Wormald, G. G. Browning. Arnold. 1995.
ISBN 0340613769. Price £29.590.

A book dedicated to the examination of the ear. It is symptom based to correlate with clinical practice - with an excellent choice of pictures of superb quality. The book asks and answers the questions necessary to make a diagnosis. It is presented in a logical order with flow diagrams to allow insight into the decision making process. With straightforward simple explanatory text and annotated diagrams to simplify the more complicated pictures, it guides the reader through a comprehensive self-contained course in otoscopy.

Having guided the reader to a diagnosis, management guidelines are suggested and, with special reference to general practitioners, indications for referral for specialist advice.

An extremely useful text for students, general practitioners, audiologists and trainees commencing a career in otolaryngology. Some of the pictures are equivalent standard to those used in postgraduate examinations.

Highly recommended.

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DISEASES OF THE EAR. A POCKET ATLAS

M. Hawke, A. McCombe. Manitore Communications Inc. (1995). ISBN 1 896251 02 1.

This is a beautifully illustrated, hardback atlas of ear pathology, that I would certainly recommend for the reference library of every ENT department involved in teaching and continuing education. The photography is of an extremely high standard throughout and most conditions are covered. This is an up-dated, more glossy and larger format version of Hawke's 1987 *Clinical Pocket Guide to Ear Disease*. Unlike the latter it covers embryology of the ear and lesions of the pinna.

There are only three very minor points I would like to comment on. Firstly I feel it is a shame that arrows have not been used on some of the photographs to mark the features illustrated or the pathology illustrated. Secondly it lacks photographs of a few common or serious ear conditions, for example, there is no illustration of an aural polyp or of an acute mastoiditis. Finally at 7.3 inches × 10.3 inches in dimensions it is larger than the average pocket. Despite these comments I have benefited by the perusal of this atlas and have no hesitation in recommending it further.

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Reference

Hawke, M. (1987) *Clinical Pocket Guide to Ear Disease*. Gower Medical Publishing, New York.