

## Otolaryngology: A Color Handbook

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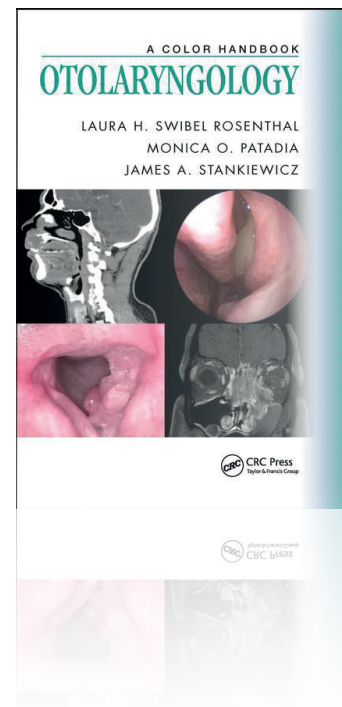
This concisely-written text is annotated with many colour clinical images and scans. The design is very different to most books: the six sections cover the main domains of the specialty – head and neck, rhinology, laryngology, otology and neurotology, facial plastics and paediatrics. Each includes chapters that deal with specific subdomains, such as masses of the head and neck, benign sinonasal masses, middle ear disorders, aging face and paediatric airway disease.

Each chapter begins with an alphabetical list of the clinical conditions that it describes, regardless of whether the condition is common or unusual. This mode of presentation is unique, but works well once the reader is familiar with the system.

Many conditions are presented within the space provided, but it does mean that some common topics only have a succinct overview. However, each chapter finishes with a reading list that will facilitate more thorough reading or a reference to the historical original article. Not all the topics are descriptions of clinical disorders – several deal with important anatomical descriptions and others describe surgical techniques.

The book is multi-authored with 39 of 41 contributors from the USA. This may give the book a bias towards North American practice that the reader should bear in mind, particularly in regard to terminology. However, any reader who is just starting in otolaryngology will relish the vast array of images and gain a rapid overview of the main factors with each of the described disorders.

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**Pocket ICU (2nd edn)**  
**Gyorgy Frenzl, Richard D Urman**  
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Pocket ICU, returning in its second edition, intends to provide 'concise, evidence based information for all critical care professionals, as well as for those who are having their first encounter with ICUs and critically ill patients'. This pocket-sized book does exactly what it says 'on the tin'. Compiled and edited by consultants at Harvard Medical School, the chapter authors bring with them a wealth of experience.

The 50 chapters cover a myriad of subjects from neonatal critical care, through liver, kidney and pancreas transplantation to extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and ventricular assist devices, and each provides a succinct summary of the topic. However, as the book aims to cover 'every area of critical care' in 412 pages, the information proffered per topic is somewhat brief, and the pages can appear rather congested. Coupled with the extremely small font, this makes reading and digesting the content matter somewhat challenging. That said, clarity is aided through the provision of clearly

labelled tables and diagrams, and the useful final appendix provides easy-to-access physiological formulae and medications (with dosages included).

The pocket notebook provides a concise, up to date overview of the very broad subject of intensive care medicine. It serves as both a creditable introduction to those new to ICU, and a worthy aide memoire for those experienced in treating critically ill patients.  
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**The Unofficial Guide to Radiology: 100 Practice Chest X-Rays with Full Colour Annotations and Full X-Ray Reports**

**Mohammed Rashid Akhtar, Na'eem Ahmed, Nihad Khan**  
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Interpretation of chest radiographs, the commonest of imaging modalities, is often lamented as a dying art. This book gives a systematic approach to chest X-ray interpretation based on common real-life

clinical scenarios. It also demonstrates how radiological findings inform patient management including further diagnostic imaging, treatment and speciality referral.

The content is based upon the Royal College of Radiologists undergraduate curriculum. Unlike other chest X-ray books each case includes a large format image so the reader can better scrutinise and identify the pathology. The accompanying annotated images reinforce the radiological findings.

A minor criticism is that the text only addresses adult radiological assessment. A paediatric section would enhance this book, especially for junior doctors who rotate through paediatrics or emergency medicine and may find themselves faced with a chest radiograph of a child or neonate.

This comprehensive book demystifies how to approach an imaging modality which can be perceived as daunting, especially for those under examination conditions. It is excellent value for medical students facing any radiological objective structured clinical examination station, for junior doctors in their daily practice and continuing medical education as well as allied health professionals.

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