

Foreword

It is said that “vocation is a calling and Medicine is a vocation.” How else can one explain the desire and devotion to create on an annual basis an approximate 300 pages educational treatise that is published in three languages and distributed to ENTs, pediatricians and pediatric specialists in over 70 countries. I am honored to have the opportunity to introduce the VIth volume of IAPO’s Pediatric Ear Nose & Throat Manual, and I am humbled by the magnitude, wisdom and accessibility of the Manual’s instructional contents.

Throughout the world our individual practices of Medicine and surgery are a reflection of the specialty-specific knowledge and skills we have acquired. We ideally achieve competence in our various disciplines at the completion of our residency training, but require both the experiences of practice and the guidance of others more knowledgeable than ourselves to truly become proficient at what we do.

In this Manual Dr. Tania Sih, together with her co-authors Drs. Alberto Chinski, Ron Eavey and Ricardo Godinho, have assembled the work of many Latin American physicians who are experts in the field of pediatric otolaryngology to enhance our practice development. We and the children and families we care for owe them a great deal of gratitude for such a prodigious and valuable undertaking.

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