Introduction II

The XIth IAPO´s Manual on Pediatric ENT happens because I am lucky enough to have so many friends in the Pediatric ENT community around the globe. In 2011, being a speaker in over 15 Medical meetings outside Brazil, in five continents, I have witnessed many excellent presentations. I invited the speakers to contribute to our Manual. Almost never I had a negative reply! Thanks to that, IAPO does a true "scientific community service", due to the fact that the Manuals cannot be sold. They should be given (free of costs) to the members of our Organization - IAPO. Later on, they are displayed in our website (www.iapo.org.br), and our "virtual Pediatric ENT Library" in three languages (Spanish, English and Portuguese) is the most extensive of its kind! We have so may hits from all over the world! If someone related to medical care, reads our Manuals, for sure will help with updated subjects to treat better their children.

When someone says "a state of the art" it means excellence! I think that this particular Manual is a true commitment to give you, the reader, the most updated and broad knowledge in the area. Over 90 physicians from 12 countries contributed to this Manual. We always divide our Manuals in 5 Sections: a) General considerations; b) Mouth- Head & Neck) Nose & Sinus; d) Ear and e) Hearing & Communication disorders. So, other than specific subjects covering Pediatric ENT we consider that Section A (General Considerations) is also important to broaden the horizons outside ear, nose and throat, as Medical general culture. This is relevant for us to help us in a more holistic approach and management of our little patients. Not too much time left in our busy life, so it is easier and convenient to have new, updated and interesting informations in one book.

Enjoy the reading!

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