

# *Introduction I*

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As President of the Interamerican Association of Pediatric Otolaryngology (IAPO), I have the honor and privilege of thanking you for your interest and support of IAPO's mission to improve all of our children's' health and well being.

The head and neck region of every child possesses the unique facial features and beauty that creates their identity to parents, family members and friends. Equally important, all communication between parent and infant starts with the baby's first cry and continues to expand their interactions by words from their mouth and listening attentively with their ears. Starting with a baby's first breath, their young bodies can only grow if their nose and tracheal passages are without obstruction so that oxygen can easily enter their lungs.

All health care providers who are responsible for maintaining the integrity of the ears, nose, throat and respiratory tree are challenged to provide the best wisdom and interventions to safely guide the children under our care to maximize their potential for learning throughout their school years as they grow into adult life.

The Xth IAPO manual is dedicated to assisting all of us to do what is best for all of the infants and children that are under our care. Dr. Tania Sih and her esteemed colleagues have led the path forward to provide this textbook to you since the inception of IAPO. The knowledge and information within this book is the summation of current diagnosis and treatment for virtually all ear, nose and throat disorders in children from many of the world wide leaders in this field.

Please read this text with interest and keep it near your clinical practice for quick reference. Share with interested students and colleagues. Go forward to help all of the children become healthy, trusting adults and lead our world to new and happy days. We have all dedicated our lives to help you provide the best of care in your practice.

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## *Introduction II*

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The Xth 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 2010, being a speaker in over 15 Medical meetings outside Brazil, in five continents, I have been witness so 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](http://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 many 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 50 physicians from 11 countries contributed to this Manual. We always divide our Manuals in 5 Sections: a) General considerations; b) Mouth- Head & Neck; c) 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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