



Introduction I

As we know, there are differences in the incidence and the presentation of diseases in different age-groups, and we must individualize treatments to cover the needs of each patient, having in mind that the sole purpose of our effort is to heal patients or improve medical conditions.

The way to improve ourselves as specialists in pediatric otolaryngology is and will always be through continuous medical education.

IAPO, as a well recognized medical organization, works thoroughly to achieve this goal through continued medical education, using the internet with a web page (www.iapo.org.br). Several manuals with chapters written by world- recognized specialists have been written in three languages, Spanish, English, and Portuguese, and distributed throughout the world.

The quality of the manual, like that of its predecessors, is excellent and reflects the material presented by many experts in the field of pediatric otolaryngology on several topics. It serves as a quick reference on the latest developments in fields, as presented by an international group of experts with vast experience from many parts of the world. This manual promotes the progression of pediatric otolaryngology as an internationally recognized discipline and serves to provide up-to-date material to our international colleagues in various parts of the world.

Dr. Sih and IAPO are to be commended on the quality of the material and their continued efforts to enhance the specialty of pediatric otolaryngology.

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Introduction II

The VIIIth IAPO Manual of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology will follow the same pattern as previous ones. The language and style shall be based on that of previous manuals, bringing new aspects in a concise and simple way. Whenever we launch a book or any kind of manual, my biggest concern is that it will not be similar to any previous ones. In order for that to happen there is a need for new content so that I can publish a new manual.

The wide spectrum of information on “*general medical culture*” found in our publications clearly demonstrates our belief that children should be approached in a holistic manner. Otorhinolaryngologists, for example, should not examine only the right and the left ear if the child has earache. Even with an increasing trend toward “compartmentalization” of medicine, the general medical culture should be an important part of our background, as Medicine is both science and art. I believe that the texts in our section General Considerations in this manual are a “smooth” way to convey general concepts that are as important as those in specific areas. The manual has the most updated informations in pediatric otorhinolaryngology. The manual covers all areas such as ear, nose, throat and hearing in pediatrics.

We dedicated so much effort to publishing it in three languages: Portuguese, Spanish and English. Every IAPO member should receive one.

This manual is a concrete proof of IAPO’s commitment to the diffusion of knowledge without any costs.

Enjoy the reading!

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