

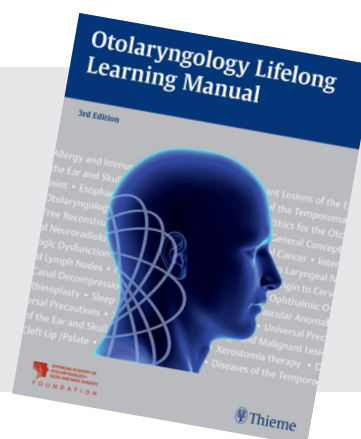
# Otolaryngology Lifelong Learning Manual

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Otolaryngology Lifelong Learning Manual is a 790-page and 210-illustration textbook with contributions from 95 authors. In response to the recent advances in the field of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, this manual contains substantial revisions and additions to the content carried forward from the first edition. Publishers Thieme and the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery Foundation recommend this text as a guide for those taking certification and recertification exams in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.

This book contains 10 sections:

- I. The Business of Medicine
- II. Clinical Fundamentals
- III. General Otolaryngology
- IV. Head and Neck Surgery
- V. Laryngology and Bronchoesophagology
- VI. Otolology and Neurology
- VII. Pediatric Otolaryngology
- VIII. Rhinology and Allergy
- IX. Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Chapters are well structured and the coverage is relatively up-to-date. The text is mostly referenced up to 2012 and balanced significantly in favour of American literature. Lifelong Learning Manual falls into the category of textbooks that aim to cover the most important aspects of the otolaryngology in the single volume. This is a difficult task and the reader who is looking for a detailed and extensive textbook will never be satisfied.

Considering it as an exam review book, I find the A4 format excellent for preparation. On the contrary, ending each chapter with nowadays very popular MCQ would help preparing residents to memorise the text more effectively. I had an opportunity to use CURRENT Diagnosis & Treatment Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery textbook during the preparations for my board exams. In comparison with the aforementioned one, Lifelong Learning Manual would benefit from more illustrations, important notes and key points.

Overall, this textbook is well written and easy-to-read. Chapters explain topics worthwhile for medical students interested in otorhinolaryngology, residents who need a textbook for lifelong learning and junior attending physicians who wish to rapidly review otorhinolaryngology topics. I would not recommend this as a primary text, but more as an overview of the topics that are included within this book. Moreover, AAO-HNSF ensures that the residents can count on this book to prepare them well for board certification.

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