

BOOK REVIEW

NASAL NEOPLASIA

D.H. Kraus and H.L. Levine (Editors)

276 pages with 182 illustrations. Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart, Germany, 1997 (ISBN 3-13-106641-5). Retail price: DM 128.-

Anyone who deals with sinonasal tumours will appreciate their rarity and the problems which they present, and will appreciate the effort that has gone into a monograph on this topic. This book is the latest of a series in "Rhinology and Sinusology" and therefore conforms to a particular format which by today's standards appears rather old-fashioned. This is due in part to the black-and-white illustrations which are not always of the highest quality. However, the authors have covered the topic in a reasonably comprehensive way considering the assessment, imaging and pathology of the area followed by chapters on a couple of benign conditions (inverted papilloma and angiofibroma), and squamous cell carcinoma of the maxillary sinus. Cutaneous tumours are dealt with separately and the rest of the book concentrates on surgical approaches, in particular craniofacial resec-

tion, management of the orbit and aspects of rehabilitation and reconstruction. The book also contains a short chapter on the use of the endoscope in the management of sinonasal neoplasia. The authors are exclusively American and this is to some extent reflected in their approach and certainly choice of references. The personal experience of the individual authors is not always apparent from the text, although where results are given as in the chapter on craniofacial resection, they are certainly comparable to those published in the literature. It is always difficult even in a monograph of this sort to encompass all aspects in great detail, but I did find the chapters on imaging and pathology rather superficial. Similarly, there is little information on osseo-integration implants in the chapter on rehabilitation, although the authors very properly emphasise the need for immediate repair. Overall the book has much to recommend it, but is likely to be of more interest to those who deal with these problems infrequently than those with a specific interest in the area.

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