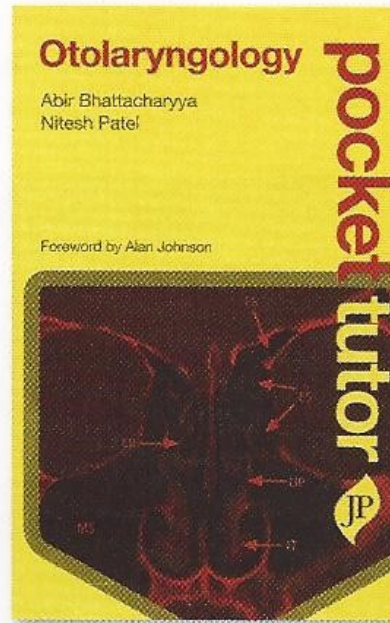


Otolaryngology – Pocket Tutor

Authors: Abir Bhattacharyya and Nitesh Patel. **Published by:** JP Medical Publishers. **ISBN:** 978-1-907816-11-6. **Price:** £9.95.

Otolaryngology – Pocket Tutor is an impressive textbook; managing to squeeze a lot of factually up to date information into a seemingly small volume, but maintaining an easy to read text size (some of these pocket sized books require a magnifying glass to read). ENT anatomy and physiology are briefly covered, followed by clinical examination and then the four major sections: otology, rhinology, head and neck and paediatrics. The colour photographs, diagrams and radiographs are of good quality. The layout has been thought about and the 'clinical scenarios' make it more readable than a list of diagnoses often would be. It offers a brief resumé of all the major ENT topics. My only criticism is that as space is limited, there are very few references.

Who should this text be recommended to? The obvious choices would be general practitioners and junior doctors in ENT. Whilst undergraduate exposure to ENT remains brief, the



subject remains a major part of primary care medicine. User friendly texts such as this one act as an excellent reference in such settings. It is very straightforward to dip into for a quick answer to a clinical problem. In addition, I sat the FRCS not so long ago and often used a simple text as a check list to practise viva answers. I am confident that any higher surgical trainee who knew this book inside out would have few problems with their exams. There are several basic general ENT textbooks on the market. This one is genuinely handy to carry around and covers the topics well, in a brief and easy to read layout.

Reviewed by Mr James O'Hara, Consultant Head and Neck Surgeon, Department of Ear Nose and Throat, Sunderland Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, UK.

The layout has been thought about and the 'clinical scenarios' make it more readable than a list of diagnoses often would be