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Preface to the Second Edition

IN THE four and one-half years since the first edition of this book was published, the many commendations in the published reviews and the book's adoption for undergraduate teaching by numerous medical schools would seem to justify this second edition.

A Spanish translation was published in 1951 at the request of the University Society Mexicana.

One of the criticisms offered by a review of the first edition was that the consideration of some subjects was too sketchy. In answer to this, we would emphasize again that this book is intended to be an elementary one designed to offer only fundamental information to the undergraduate medical student or the physician who is not a specialist in the field of Otolaryngology. It is not intended to be a complete reference textbook. The references that appear at the end of the clinical chapters are offered to the student whose interest moves him to further inquiry. These references are to certain literature of recent years except for an occasional reference to some contribution that has been outstanding and the beginning of some new concept or practice.

Teachers of Otolaryngology in the American medical schools have devoted considerable thought in recent years to the needs of their undergraduate teaching. This activity is sponsored by the Teacher's Section of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. The proceedings have been published in the Transactions of the Academy.

The surveys referred to in the Introduction indicate the scope of otolaryngologic activity in the whole field of medicine.

We believe that this textbook supplies the undergraduate student and the physician who is not a specialist with the needs for his fundamental education.

A thorough revision and some additions have been made to bring the book completely up to date in this changing medical world.

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Preface to the First Edition

THIS book is the outgrowth of a plan for teaching the undergraduate medical student the fundamentals of otolaryngology. As a textbook it is not only designed to offer this basic instruction to the student but also to provide fundamental information to the physician who is not a specialist. It is not intended as a complete reference textbook. Historical data have been omitted. We believe it represents the opinion of today that has a factual basis. The references that appear at the end of the clinical chapters are offered as a guide to the reader whose interest moves him to further inquiry, but no attempt has been made to make these references complete. For the most part, the references cover literature of only recent years except for the occasional reference to some contribution that has been outstanding and the beginning of some new concept or practice.

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