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Cancer of the Anterior Floor of the Mouth and Anterior longue This, the second edition of Current Therapy in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery follows the format of the first edition in that the book is dedicated entirely to treatment. The goal is the same: to provide the reader with up-to-date information about how contemporary practitioners of our speciality deal with certain clinical problems. The book does not profess to be encyclopedic; rather, it focuses on clinical problems that most would agree are important, in terms of morbidity and mortality, as a result of controversies in management, or simply because they are therapeutically challenging.

Unlike most texts, discussions of basic information, such as anatomy, pathology, etiology, or physiology, are omitted (except where essential for therapeutic decision making), not because they are unimportant, but because it is assumed that the reader is well grounded in the basics or has access to such knowledge. Si nilarly, diagnostic considerations have been largely omitted or deemphasized because it is assumed that the reader is already well acquainted with the differential

diagnosis of otolaryngic disorders.

This book is intended for the practicing otolaryngologist, but residents in training may find the content of interest. Although some readers might not be as conversant with the practice of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery as the authors have assumed and might not fully grasp the subtleties or recognize omissions, the advantages of this approach—conciseness and readability—outweigh the risk of inappropriate use of the material.

Much of what is contained herein focuses on surgical techniques, yet it must be stressed that teaching of technique per se is neither a goal nor, indeed, a possibility; operative technique can only be learned in the surgical classroom. This is not a how-to-do it manual; no attempt was made to cover all technical details. This approach is justified because of the goal of the book: to provide for the practitioner consultation with the experts on how they make treatment decisions.

This edition is entirely new. Although many of the topics are the same, the authors are not. Thus, many points of view differ substantially from the previous edition, and a number of topics that were not discussed before have been included: otomycosis, facial nerve neuroma, hemifacial spasm, failed rhinoplasty, tumors of the ear, esthesioneuroblastoma, carcinoma of the nasopharynx, angiofibroma, cancer of the lip, malnutrition from cancer of the head and neck, hyperparathyroidism, headache, septal perforation, nasal dermoids, malignant exophthalmos, cleft palate repair, stomatitis, temporomandibular joint syndrome, adductor spastic dysphonia, voice problems in singers and esophageal caustic burns.

As before, it is important to note that it is not possible to cover all the diseases encountered in the field of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery in a work of this size. Nor is it necessary to do so, because the practitioner is already conversant with the management of a majority of daily clinical problems. Therefore, some common problems have been omitted, and many uncommon problems have been included with the expectation that the reader is the one best qualified to select

the topics of greatest interest.

The authors have been chosen because of their published expertise in their respective clinical areas and because of their mature, well considered positions on controversial issues. To them goes my appreciation and that of the publisher for their time and effort; I am certain the readers will echo that sentiment also.

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