Major advances in the field of medical science have always come with pioneers trying to do things differently and the recent endeavours of Dr Saurav Sarkar are certainly a step in the right direction. Using the technological advancement of modern endoscopes in the field of otology, in this pioneering book, he introduces new and experienced otologists to the concepts of endoscopic ear surgery. Clear, concise and profusely illustrated, this book will take surgeons interested in this new aspect of ear surgery through the entire process - from the setup of equipment to the gamut of commonly performed otoendoscopic ear surgeries - with aplomb.

The book is divided into convenient sections - a brief explanation about the concept of Functional Endoscopic Ear Surgery is followed by detailed instructions for setup of equipment and a vivid description of endoscopic anatomy of the ear. These are followed by a section on otoendoscopic procedures divided for convenience into two subsections comprising office-based procedures and commonly performed major ear surgeries. The book is rounded off with a honest comparison between the endoscopic method and the conventional microscopic method and a small section to aspire other enthusiasts for ‘The Road Ahead.’

The standout features of this book include the very lucid language, the plethora of relevant illustrations and a layout which grabs the otologist’s interest from the very first page and keeps him submerged till the last page is turned. The organisation of the book helps in quick revision after the first read for the busy surgeons. This book would certainly be of immense help for anyone willing to venture into this new horizon for otologists.

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