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Disorders of the Auditory System, 2nd Edition

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Review

Disorders of the Auditory System- Second Edition, published by Plural Publishing, provides an extensive amount of information on the audiological and medical aspects of auditory dysfunction associated with disorders of the central and peripheral auditory system in the fields of audiology, otology, and neurology.

The first chapters deal with structure and function of the auditory and vestibular system and with audiological, vestibular and radiological procedures; text is accompanied by figures which facilitate understanding and make the chapter extremely didactic.

The following sections cover outer, middle ear and inner ear disorders and subsequently auditory nerve and central auditory nervous system disorders.

For each disease in addition to a careful description of symptoms, incidence and prevalence, aetiology, audiological and medical management, clinical case reports are described.

The case descriptions are fairly well presented and diagnosis and treatment options are clearly discussed.

A striking characteristic of the book is the multidisciplinary approach used to address the issue of auditory disorders, as explicitly written in the introduction "...other disciplines such as neurology, pathology, and hearing science also have made important contributions to this area of study. One of the goals in writing this book was to include insights into auditory disorders from the perspectives of these various disciplines."

Overall, this is a well organised and comprehensive book, suitable for students, audiologists, otolaryngologist and other professionals in related fields.