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Otorhinolaryngology, the specialty of senses, has seen in the last decades a great technical development, which has allowed performing minimally invasive surgical interventions with outstanding functional results. Moreover, the approach to the borderline pathology – the skull base, orbit, lacrimal pathways, esophagus, trachea, deep cervical spaces – has led the ENT specialist to a thorough anatomical, imaging and technical study, in order to successfully solve, in an interdisciplinary team, the infectious-inflammatory and tumor diseases.

The publishing void in the literature (The last Treaty of Otorhinolaryngology – 1964, respectively of Surgical Pathology – 1982) required a modern and concise approach of the current investigation methods and treatment, providing the reader an easy but also consistent reading.

The collective of authors chosen represents, through diversity and professional experience, the Romanian School of Otorhinolaryngology, and combines experience with overspecialization and orientation towards a particular area of specialty, a striking trend in our specialty worldwide.

The structure of the volume aims to cover the most important surgical pathology: infectious, inflammatory, tumoral and traumatic disorders of the nose and sinuses, the pharynx, the larynx and the ear; it also presents specific pathological entities, such as vascular pathology, obstructive respiratory sleep disorders, borderline pathology or neurological conditions in ENT.

The volume is addressed to residents in training, young specialists, colleagues from borderline specialities (allergology, pneumology, neurosurgery and oncology) and also to senior doctors looking for an up to date scientific information and progresses in diagnostic, management and surgical approaches in otorhinolaryngology.

We welcome the publishers’ initiative, exceptional surgeons and famous professors, who understood and wanted a very complex and difficult specialty as otorhinolaryngology to have its own volume in the Treaty of modern surgery in our country, issued by the highest scientific forum – the Romanian Academy.

Personally, I am honoured that I could coordinate this volume and that, after a long period of uncertainty and hesitation, Romanian otorhinolaryngology returns to the rightful place among complex surgical specialties, where it had been placed by its predecessors, whose memory we thereby invoke and honour.