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Book Review

Barnes L, editor: *Surgical Pathology of the Head and Neck, Second Edition, 3-Volume Set, 2368 pp, New York, Marcel Dekker, 2001 (\$575.00).*

This inclusive three-volume text on the pathology of the head and neck is the second edition of the original text produced in two volumes. The additions to this edition are substantial, with now more than 1045 illustrations and five new chapters. This work covers not only neoplastic disease but includes chapters on infectious disease, inflammatory disease, developmental lesions, and effects of radiation injury. This work provides extensive coverage of all conditions related to these areas and provides a comprehensive resource to those who diagnose and treat conditions of the head and neck.

The chapters are written by more than 30 experts in the field of head and neck pathology, with extensive referencing and illustrations. The chapters are thoughtfully laid out with clinical features, pathology, treatment and prognosis, and differential diagnosis sections given to most entities presented. Radiology findings also are given to relevant lesions. The illustrations, which are all black and white, are sharp and thoughtfully presented with concise and accurate captioning. The extensive use of gross, low- and

high-power microscopic, and schematic illustrations conveys the topics with clarity. Sections reviewing the anatomy relevant to the chapters are a welcome component given the complexity of these regions. The index is included in all three volumes, which includes the pagination of the volumes at the bottom of the index pages to assist in the speedy location of information. The volumes themselves are lightweight and easy to navigate.

Special topic chapters regarding fine-needle aspiration, frozen-section usage, electron microscopy, and molecular pathology are welcome and add to the completeness and practicality of this exhaustive effort. The chapters of infectious diseases and radiation-induced changes also are extensive and round out this cumulative text. In summary, this text represents the forefront of authoritative works in the realm of head and neck pathology. This latest addition will greatly facilitate and instruct those working in diagnosing and treating diseases of the head and neck, including radiologists, pathologist, surgeons, and clinicians.

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