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Preface

This book is the second book by our group whose focus is on pediatric voice disorders. Although this book is still the product of a group of pediatric otolaryngologists, pulmonologists, gastroenterologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, and speech-language pathologists with an interest in caring for children with a wide variety of voice disorders, the target audience for this book is speech-language pathologists who care for children with vocal disorders. To that end, we have removed certain chapters from the previous book, *Pediatric Voice Disorders*, which focuses on the techniques of surgical care, and reshaped others to highlight issues of office-based diagnosis and intervention. We have added several new chapters, including a fascinating and comprehensive chapter by Kittie

Verdolini et al. which reviews the literature regarding voice therapy in children as well as an additional chapter on the work-up and treatment of children with velopharyngeal insufficiency. What we hope is novel, exciting, and educational about this book is the cross-fertilization of thoughts and ideas that comes from putting together a seemingly diverse group of specialists and having them focus on specific pediatric disease-based and pediatric voice pathology-based topics. Within this book, members of each specialty attend to these questions and comment on how the specialties can best work together towards obtaining diagnoses and rendering unified and comprehensive treatment. We hope you enjoy!



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