Welcome to the second edition of *Pearls and Pitfalls in Head and Neck Surgery*. After the successful first edition, we are pleased to offer you the renewed, updated, and improved version of this book.

In this unique volume, leading international experts share their experience in the management of head and neck tumors. The purpose of this publication is to provide a guidebook for all surgeons and physicians dealing with head and neck neoplasms.

Each chapter provides a concise description of useful ‘pearls’ and, especially, dangerous ‘pitfalls’ which must be avoided. Contributions cover topics from thyroid glands, neck metastases, and oral tumors to laryngeal, pharyngeal, nasopharyngeal, salivary gland tumors, and skull base tumors, as well as reconstructive surgery. In addition to frequent diseases which are encountered in everyday practice, some new therapeutic topics such as video-assisted thyroidectomy, robotic surgery, and management of the neck after organ preservation treatment are discussed. In this second edition, some chapters of major practical interest for the head and neck surgeon were added, such as ‘When to Perform an Intraoperative Frozen Section Examination in Thyroid Surgery’, ‘Robotic Thyroidectomy’, ‘Surgical Management of Recurrent/Persistent Differentiated Thyroid Cancer’, ‘Lymph Node Density: A New Predictor in the Metastatic Neck’, ‘Influence of Human Papillomavirus Status on the Management of Oropharyngeal Tumors’, ‘Salvage Surgery after Chemoradiotherapy for Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma’, ‘Practical Tips for Performing Supratracheal Subtotal Laryngectomy’, ‘How to Treat Hypopharyngeal Cancers in the Era of Chemoradiotherapy’, ‘Robotic Nasopharyngectomy’, ‘Practical Tips for Performing Interventional Sialendoscopy’, ‘Endonasal Endoscopic Approach for Juvenile Nasopharyngeal Angiofibroma’, ‘Practical Tips for Performing Transnasal Endoscopic Approaches to the Skull Base’, and ‘How to Perform a Supraclavicular Fasciocutaneous Flap for Head and Neck Reconstruction’.

Head and neck surgeons, otolaryngologists, neurosurgeons, maxillofacial surgeons, plastic surgeons, radiation and clinical oncologists, general surgeons, as well as students and residents interested in the management of head and neck tumors will find this publication indispensable for everyday practice and, ultimately, for improving the treatment of patients with head and neck diseases.

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