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The first edition of the book was well-received and acclaimed when it was published in 1991. Its updated and enlarged second edition is still richer with deft exposition of the latest technical and clinical knowledge on the subject-all supported by numerous diagrams, charts and tables. The comprehensive and lucid presentation of the complex audiovestibular tests, the clarity of language and the author's penchant for correlating the clinical findings and the pathology with the audiovestibular tests, all go a long way in ensuring the success of this venture. The detailed procedures of the audiovestibular tests, their indications and clinical interpretation, their reliability in diagnosing the lesion, the limitations and fallacies of the tests have all been adequately covered.

In short the book includes all recent developments like BERA, ECochG, otoacoustic emissions, rotation tests, computerised dynamic posturography, Electronystagmography (ENG) and Craniocorpography (CCG)—except for the vestibular evoked response test. The inclusion of the vestibular evoked response test with the controversies surrounding it, would help the book to attain perfection. The age-old tests like pure tone audiometry alongwith the localising tests, like speech audiometry and impedance audiometry have also been covered in minute details.

The book is recommended as a text book for all postgraduates in ENT and neurology and as a reference book to practitioners and other professionals like audiologists. In addition to the contents, the laminated, hand-bound cover, the excellent printing, the easy-to-handle A-4 size make this book an attractive and worthy possession.

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OBITUARY

With grave sorrow we condole the sad demise of Dr. Peter Desmond who left us on 27th of August at the age of 41 only. Being the son of an illustrious father Prof. A. F. Desmond of Vellore, Dr. Peter Desmond had a longway to go and a lot to offer to the profession, but it was cut short by his sudden and untimely death. All the members of AOI offer their heart-felt sorrow and condolence to Prof. A. F. Desmond and the other members of the bereaved family. May his soul rest in eternal peace.