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Diagnosis of an uncommon syndrome in a family poses a great challenge not only to the family but also to the physicians, educators, and allied health professionals, who take care of these individuals. There is frequently a need to thoroughly review the various aspects of management for a specific rare syndrome in detail from an up-to-date, well-referenced, and easily accessible source. The second edition of the book “CHARGE SYNDROME” is one such resource.

This book, written by three distinguished experts serves as a compendium that addresses all of the sensory, developmental, speech-related, and psychosocial issues as well as the medical issues that are important for managing a child with CHARGE syndrome. Major hearing, vision, communication, airway, and feeding issues that have a significant impact on the growth and development of such individuals are addressed extensively. Part 4 covers the language development and communication system in a very simplified manner which aids in understanding the communication challenges these patients may face when connecting

with others. A chapter on the “changes over the life cycle” aptly explains the physical influences on the development and changes in the medical requirements at various ages. As a quick guide, an appendix covering health supervision throughout the lifespan is included. A chapter on educational issues and a checklist on educational use are both noteworthy additions. The addition of drawings, clinical pictures, and tables allows for a better understanding of specific aspects.

This book can be a valuable resource for families, health care providers, early interventionists, and special educators who are dealing with the various manifestations of CHARGE syndrome throughout their lives. I'd like to thank the authors for bringing up this comprehensive book on CHARGE syndrome.

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