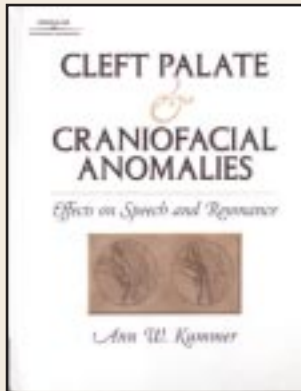


Cleft Palate & Craniofacial Anomalies: Effects on Speech and Resonance



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By Ann W. Kummer

This is an excellent book and has great value. The bulk of the 21 chapters are written by Dr. Kummer, Director of the Speech Pathology Department of the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio State, USA. Contributors are also made from surgeons, pediatricians and psychologist, who are part of the same cleft lip and palate team. Whilst much of the text reflects the specialist speech and language interest of the main author, all aspects of cleft lip and palate multi-disciplinary management are included, supported by full references for further reading at the end of each chapter. This is not just a book for speech pathologists, it is of enormous interest and value to any clinician who sees cleft lip and palate patients and who wishes to better understand the role of other team members. I particularly enjoyed the chapter defining role of the genetics, which provides a very useful description of cleft-associated syndromes such as velocardiofacial syndrome and stickler's syndrome as well as many other less common syndromes. The chapter on primary cleft surgery and velopharyngeal dysfunction is eloquent, concise, and up-to-date, providing an excellent overview of this aspect of treatment. Other highly readable chapters include orofacial examination, nasometry, videofluoroscopy, and nasopharyngoscopy.

Minor criticisms of this book would seem futile in comparison to the wealth of information and experience contained within the 500 plus pages and any cleft-associated surgeon who doesn't know their phonemes from their affricatives and wishes to obtain a book on the total management of cleft lip and palate need look no further. I urge you to buy it now before price goes up.

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