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SUMMARY

Paediatric Audiology: Clinical Insights and Practical Guidelines is a comprehensive book designed for both student and practising hearing healthcare professionals (HHPs). Paediatric hearing healthcare is not a peripheral concern — it is central to child development, educational equity, and human potential. This book provides a systematic and evidence-based guide to the identification, assessment and management of hearing loss in children, from birth through adolescence.

The book is written around the conviction that timely, well-informed clinical action alters outcomes. Drawing on extensive evidence, it demonstrates that children identified with hearing loss and treated within the first six months of life can achieve language development on par with hearing peers by age five — a window that is easily missed without strong screening systems, skilled assessment and accessible intervention.

Throughout the book, the gap between clinical best practice and the constraints clinicians actually face, especially within a resource-constrained context, is highlighted. Rather than sidestepping these realities, the book takes them seriously, offering context-sensitive guidance that is as relevant on the ground as it is in the lecture hall.

Ultimately, the book equips hearing healthcare professionals with the evidence, tools, and context-sensitive strategies needed to act decisively at every stage. In doing so, it is both a clinical resource and a call to action for individual practitioners, healthcare systems, and policymakers alike to prioritise early identification, invest in accessible services, and ensure that no child's potential is diminished.

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