Emergency Department bears a significant burden of patients with Ear Nose and Throat speciality. Besides trauma to ENT, epistaxis, foreign bodies, acute infections, otitis media and its complications are very common problems leading to emergency attendance. There are not many books dealing with ENT Head & Neck Surgery emergencies.

The “Manual of Emergencies in ENT Head and Neck Surgery” written by my colleague Dr. Narmaya Thapa, is a good effort to give a brief information on the subject. This manual has 4 chapters and 34 topics: The Ear (10 topics), the Nose and Paranasal sinuses (7 topics), the Throat and Head and Neck (13 topics) and Some Emergency Procedures (4 topics). Each topic is described briefly. The manual has 91 pages.

The printing quality is good however, there are few grammatical mistakes. The cost is NRP 425 which is affordable.

One can write a book through many angles. As this manual is intended to help the house officer working in emergency a more practical approach would have been better. For example, if a patient visits emergency with right earache, what basic on history and examination would help to come to a proper diagnosis and thus manage the case there and then or should the casualty officer refer the case to an ENT doctor. Common causes of earache like otitis externa and acute middle ear infection can be managed in the emergency in first place. A book should use latest terminology which is lacking in this manual. Like wise, an index section is missing. I hope these short comings will be considered in the next edition.

Pointing out the drawbacks is much easier than writing a book. Hence, I admire Dr. Thapa’s endeavour in bringing out this manual.