

## Book Review

Imaging of the cervical spine in children

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This book reflects the extensive experience of the author regarding imaging of the cervical spine in children. The book is relatively small and easy to read but has sufficiently plentiful illustrations and figures for all aspects discussed in the text. A third of the book explains the different mechanism of cervical spine injuries while more than half of the

book is dedicated to developmental anatomy and congenital anomalies or variations. Infections, collagen disease, vertebral tumors, cord tumors and other miscellaneous lesions were all squeezed into 11 pages of this book. In contrast, anomalies, such as odontoideum were over emphasized. This book is most useful for those handling pediatric cervical spine trauma and in turn to radiologists, emergency room physicians and pediatricians. The book can be a good desk reference to differentiate between fractures and congenital defects

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