

## Book Review

# Pediatric Thoracic Surgery

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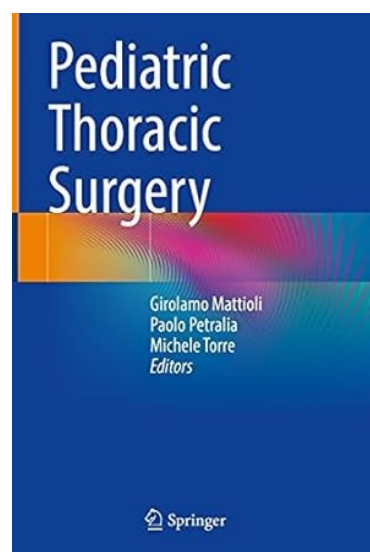
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'Pediatric Thoracic Surgery', edited by Mattioli, Petralia and Torre, is written by surgeons working at Giannia Gaslini Institute, Genoa. This book emphasizes that thoracic surgery in children ought to be performed by pediatric surgeons. Considering the limited experience many pediatric surgeons may have in thoracic surgery, authors describe in a simple and direct way, common congenital and acquired thoracic anomalies, and their management, emphasizing the physical, functional and psychological development of the pediatric patient.

The chapters are comprehensive and cover almost all aspects of pediatric thoracic surgery. They include prenatal diagnosis, imaging, anesthesia, ECMO and various specific conditions. Thoracoscopic management is covered in considerable detail. Different tumors of thorax also receive comprehensive discussion.

However, certain conditions of the chest, such as the empyema and other infective conditions are not mentioned at all. Probably such illnesses no longer occur in the authors' practice. We continue to see such patients, and would have appreciated some discussion on those topics.

This book will prove useful to all pediatric surgeons across the world and be a welcome addition to the surgical bookshelf.



## Bibliography

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