The new edition of this classic text provides a critical and contemporary review of the latest medical findings on otitis media and effusion. Each chapter in this fourth edition has been substantially updated to include the latest studies of the anatomy and physiology of the Eustachian tube, current guidelines for clinical and microbiologic diagnosis and case management, up-to-date information about antibiotic resistance, the role of alternative medicine in treatment, and new data on viral and bacterial vaccines for prevention.

The authors have included an extensive bibliography of citations for research published during the past five years in peer-reviewed literature along with cross-referenced citations for key chapters from other books by Dr. Bluestone. Written for the otolaryngologist and pediatrician, this book combines clinical excellence with a passionate commitment to the well-being of infants and children. Focus is given to children who suffer impairment of speech, language and hearing after repeated episodes of otitis media.