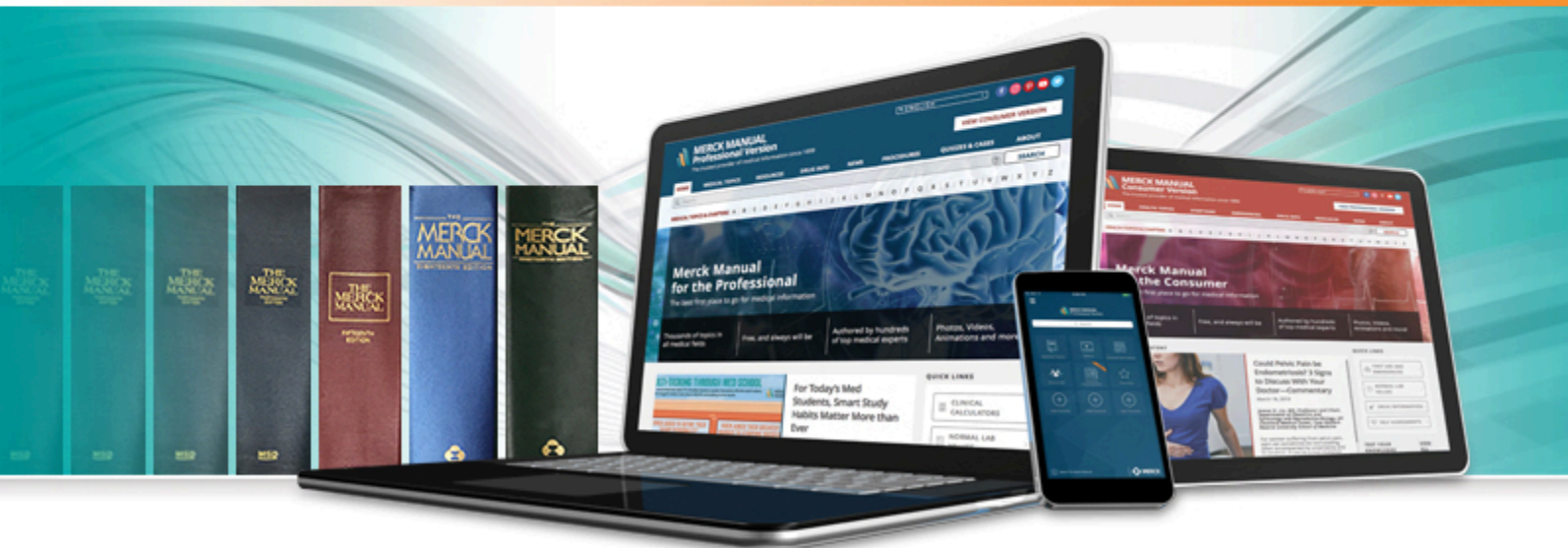


CONTRIBUTOR CONNECTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR AUTHORS, REVIEWERS, EDITORS,
AND THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE MERCK MANUALS.



September 2021

The Merck Manuals Welcomes New Editor-in-Chief

The Merck Manuals is excited to welcome Dr. Sandy Falk as our new Editor-in-Chief. Sandy is quickly taking over the reins and learning all about the Manuals. As she learns about the Manuals, [click here to learn about Sandy](#).



Tech Tip: New Portal Tool—Update Your Own Bio

We introduced the “author bio pages” topic in our [last edition](#) of the Merck Manuals Contributor Connection Newsletter.

We are excited to announce that we have implemented a new tool within our Editing Portal that allows you to update your bio info directly in the portal. You can find this tool at the top of the Editing Portal screen upon logging in to the portal. There are clickable menu items located in the blue bar titled My Manuscripts. Click the “My Profile” link and you will be taken directly into your profile where you can upload a photo of yourself and update all of your pertinent information. Please be sure to update your bio when you have a change in your affiliation or contact information to ensure your affiliations within your chapter are correct.

BY THE NUMBERS		
	AUGUST 2021	2021 TO DATE
TOTAL PAGEVIEWS	61.5M	528M
CHAPTERS PUBLISHED		
	SEPTEMBER 2021	2021 TO DATE
CONSUMER	20	183
PROFESSIONAL	23	182
APP DOWNLOADS	110K	881K

Congratulations, Dr. Petri!

William A. Petri, Jr., MD, PhD, the author of our chapter Rickettsiae and Related Organisms, was honored by his institution, the University of Virginia, for his work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Petri received the University’s Thomas Jefferson Award for Excellence in Scholarship. Dr. Petri was honored for his dedication to scholarship and community for his care of patients with COVID-19. Learn more about Dr. Petri [here](#).

In Memoriam

We are saddened to report the recent death of Clarence T. Sasaki, MD, our author of Laryngeal Disorders and Oral and Pharyngeal Disorders. Dr. Sasaki was Charles W. Ohse Professor Emeritus of Surgery at the Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Sasaki was the longest-serving Chief of Otolaryngology at Yale, having served for 30 years. Even after his retirement from clinical practice in 2020, Dr. Sasaki continued to serve as a mentor to members of the Department of Surgery. Dr. Sasaki’s commitment to research and education resulted in the publication of more than 400 journal articles and 6 textbooks. He will be missed.

Read Dr. Sasaki’s obituary [here](#).



Staff Change

Our *Merck Manuals Contributor Connection* Newsletter team is saying FAREWELL to yet another amazing and wonderful colleague. Randi Smith-Billett has moved on to a new position within Merck where her new team will enjoy her bubbly personality, her creativity, her optimism, and her dedication. We thank Randi for all she's done for our newsletter and the Merck Manuals.



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