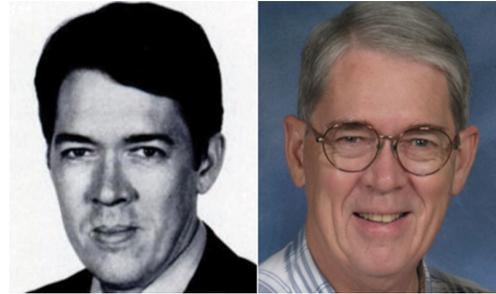


1979 Author Reflections

Original contributing authors whose manuscripts were published in the 1979 issues of *Pediatrics in Review* were asked to look back and reflect on changes to the health topic and their career paths.



Epiglottitis: Diagnosis and Treatment

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How strange it was to see my old self and read that very old article!

A few years after that article I took on a series of administrative roles and left the clinical arena, but always continued working at a children's hospital.

With the advent of the *Haemophilus influenzae* type B (Hib) vaccine, the incidence of epiglottitis and other related conditions dropped sharply to the point I never saw or heard of another case once Hib vaccine was well-established.

As a children's hospital CEO I had always explained the value of research by saying although I had seen and been involved in treating dozens of cases without a death, someone in a lab had done the research to create the vaccine saving hundreds of lives a year...year after year after year. I was expert in a nearly extinct disease. So, in terms of the article, hopefully it would remain of *historical interest* only!

Further Reading

Read Dr Bates' 1979 article, *Epiglottitis: Diagnosis and Treatment*: <https://pedsinreview.aappublications.org/content/1/6/173>

Compare to the 2015 PIR article, *Upper Airway Obstruction* that includes a section on Epiglottitis and teaching slides <https://pedsinreview.aappublications.org/content/36/7/299>

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