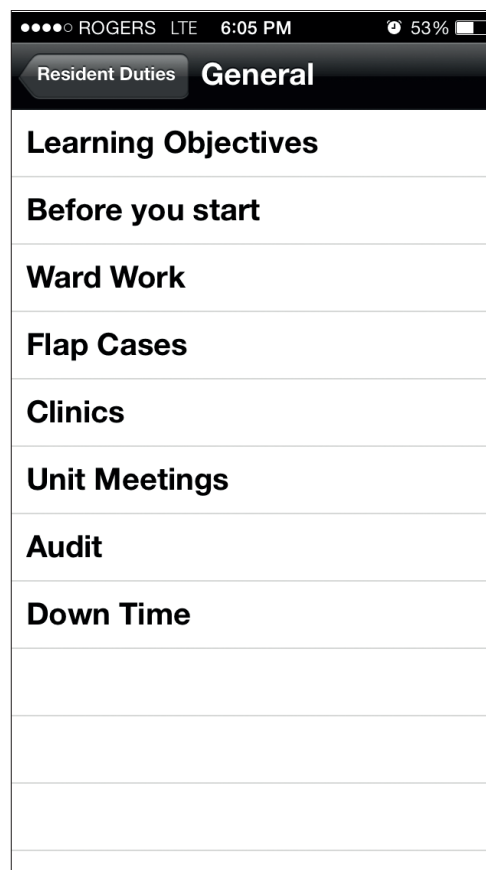
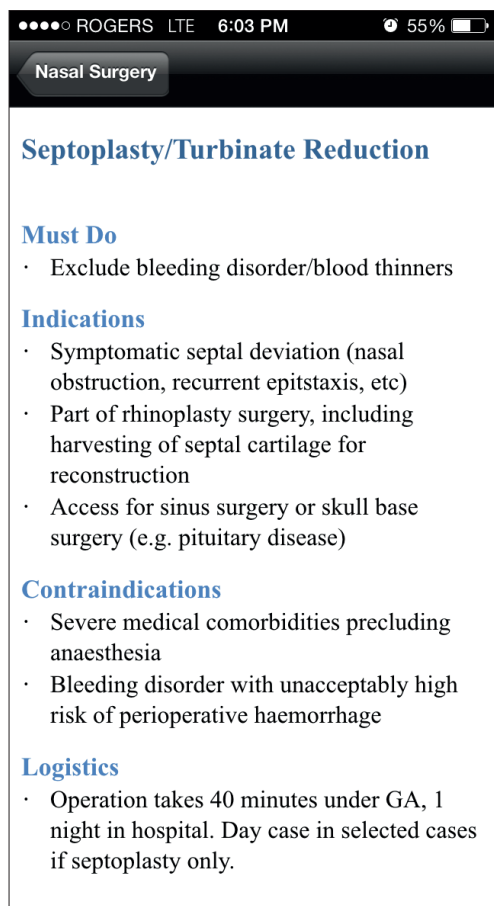


ENT Handbook



Medical students and residents are expected to absorb staggering amounts of information on an almost daily basis. Thankfully, app-based resources are rapidly emerging to ensure that the most important information can be accessed with a few swipes on a smartphone.

ENT Handbook is an app that will appeal particularly to ENT residents and medical students with an interest in ENT. *ENT Handbook* is available for free and is compatible with various devices (iPhone / iPad / Android). The app was designed specifically as a guide for medical trainees in Australia and Victoria, though much of the information is general enough to be relevant within

other medical systems.

ENT Handbook begins with five major headings: 'Airway concerns', 'Resident duties', 'Common operations', 'Common emergencies', and 'About this app'. Each heading contains various subcategories.

The content within *ENT Handbook* is focused and practical. For example, every listing within the 'Common operations' category includes an outline of the procedure, indications and contraindications, must-do steps, logistics, risks to go over with the patient, guidance for post-operative care, and discharge orders. Medical trainees will no doubt appreciate that the information is laid out in such a logical fashion.

I found the *ENT Handbook* to be fairly

straightforward to navigate. However, it would surely benefit from a search function; there is a risk of getting quite lost in the various categories and subcategories within the app. Additionally, some of the information within the app contains a reference, but the majority of it does not. This is a concern as there is no guarantee that the content within the app is current or even accurate. As with most medical apps, the 'About this app' section contains a disclaimer reminding users that the information is intended as guidance and should not supersede local practices.

Overall, *ENT Handbook* is a useful reference for ENT residents and medical trainees to have on hand. – CF