Small can be beautiful

A versatile hand-held camera has been launched by Volk. Bill Harvey finds it light and easy to use.

Out of pure curiosity I had to try the otoscope attachment which allowed a perfectly acceptable view of the ear canal and drum of several colleagues in the office (Figure 5). The surface attachment spreads light diffusely over a lesion and the camera then takes an image similar to the macro setting on a commercial digital camera. Figure 6 shows a strawberry naevus.

The Pictor represents a breakthrough in hand-held imaging in that it is as light and easy to use as one would ever need. Its versatility is a big plus and I am sure that future incarnations may introduce fixation control and rack up the resolution for more detailed and less grainy retinal views. It would be perfect for a large multidisciplinary practice and anyone looking ahead at a 'poly clinic' set-up should seriously consider investing.

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