

# Book Reviews

## **Practical Implant Dentistry: Diagnostic, Surgical, Restorative and Technical Aspects of Aesthetic and Functional Harmony. Ashok Sethi, Thomas Kaus, Quintessence publishing company ltd. 2005. ISBN: 1-85097-061-0**

Practical implant dentistry is a well written book that has obviously been commissioned after considerable planning and thought.

Typical of a Quintessence publication, the photographs and diagrams are of a very good quality and the authors should be congratulated in their dedication to ensure that the procedures they describe have been suitably illustrated.

The book itself takes the reader through all aspects of implantology from patient selection to diagnosis and planning to eventual treatment. It is split into three main sections each of which contains a number of chapters.

The first section of the book deals with patient assessment and selection. It covers all the usual aspects of implant planning and is presented with a logical and sensible approach. It is, however, written in a way that assumes the reader to have some basic knowledge in patient management and handling.

The second section of the book covers implant placement. It is conveniently divided into three parts which deal with the immediate and the delayed placement of implants and all the necessary planning and procedures that go with such in the reconstruction of patients' edentulous spaces which have adequate bone volume.

The third section of the book deals with clinical situations where hard and soft tissue augmentation techniques are needed if a successful clinical outcome is to be achieved with implants.

While the book itself dedicates itself to the Ankylos implant system, this does not detract the reader from the general principles of implant protocols that need to be followed if

success is to follow. The reader is well guided through these necessary steps by the judicious use of flow charts. The book also dedicates itself to cement retained restorations but, again, the reader is made aware that this is not the only technique that can be employed, in addition to the authors' reasons for favouring cement retained restorations.

It is inevitable that any books of this size will contain the odd typographic or type setting error, in this instance I counted only three and while moderately distracting for a reviewer it did not detract from the overall quality of the book.

I feel this book will have value to the practitioner who is already involved in implant therapy or who has embarked upon a formalised implant training programme. The book is not a substitute for such formal training and I would imagine that neither of the authors would advocate that this book does that. This does not suggest that another reader may not get anything from the book, far from it...

This book provides sound advice from well respected clinicians working in the field of implantology. It respects well established clinical techniques and protocols and each chapter is well illustrated and adequately resourced with appropriate and up-to-date references. This book presents a modern approach to practical implant dentistry and provides a welcome addition to material already published.

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## **Practical Oral medicine. I MacLeod, A Creighton, Quintessence publishing company ltd. ISBN: 1-85097-065-3. Price: £28**

This book is indeed a concise reference text covering the commonly encountered conditions in Oral medicine. It achieves this in a clear format with up-to-date references. The style of the chapters are consistent with well-produced clinical illustrations. Although it is not an exhaustive text on oral medicine, as it does not set out to be, the choice of chapter titles seems a little eclectic. There are chapters on neurological disorders of the head and neck and complementary therapies in oral medicine but not on other medical conditions related to dentistry. The therapeutics

section in this text is limited to steroids. There are few omissions in some otherwise excellent material covered. On the whole, the book is easy to read, with clear headings and incorporates useful references and appendices. It is pocket size and therefore has the advantage of a useful chair-side guide in dental practice.

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**Managing Dental Trauma in Practice. Quintessence publishing company ltd.  
ISBN: 1-85097-082-3. Price £28**

When I saw who the authors of this book were, I hoped that I would enjoy 'the read'. Both authors are senior Paediatric Dentists, highly competent clinicians and experienced teachers. I was not disappointed...

The book is presented in 12 well-structured chapters. Each chapter is fronted by aims and objectives, peppered with appropriate good quality images and made user-friendly by frequent headings and tabulated information. Each chapter ends with 'Key Points' serving as an *aide memoir* for important issues.

Chapters 1 and 2 present the 'foundations' of trauma care discussing history, examination, diagnosis and treatment planning; the WHO trauma classifications are useful as are the sections pertaining to the prevention of trauma.

Soft tissue injuries are discussed in Chapter 3, using examples of quite severe injuries, but clearly stating when specialist referral should be sought.

The primary dentition is dealt with in the self-contained Chapter 4. Not only is management and sequelae to trauma considered, but there is a very concise section on the treatment options for any affected permanent successors. An excellent revision aid!

Chapters 5 to 10 take the reader through the journey of the range of traumatic dental injuries in the permanent dentition. Each chapter details the diagnosis, treatment, review, monitoring and prognosis of each type of injury. Of particular merit is the authors' attention to detail describing how to correctly diagnose specific injuries and their step-wise management techniques. Relevant issues such

as the stage of root development, severity of injury, root resorption and, specifically for avulsions, the length of the extra-alveolar dry time encourage the reader to treatment plan with pragmatism. The section on the use of splints is presented in a practical way and helps to demystify and area of trauma that many undergraduates seem to struggle with.

Chapter 11 deals briefly with dento-alveolar fractures. Its brevity reflects the fact that such injuries are best treated in a specialist setting.

The book ends with a chapter on child physical abuse raising awareness that a dentist may be where such a child may present first. The steps taken if you suspect abuse in a young patient are presented clearly. Do you know your 'named contact person' for your area?

The scope of this book is large, but the authors have succeeded in delivering the topic well in just over 100 pages. It is a book one can read 'from cover to cover' or dip into when the need arises. After reading it I was left with the feeling that it is aimed at the right group of dentists - General Dental Practitioners have an important role in the effective management of dental trauma, often providing crucial early, emergency treatment which impacts significantly upon obtaining a successful outcome for the patient. I welcome this information-packed little book which, I think is equally suited to the needs of busy primary care practitioners, 'over-loaded' undergraduate students and junior hospital dentists alike.

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