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ATLAS OF DENTAL REHABILITATION TECHNIQUES



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The definition of an 'atlas' is a book of illustrations or diagrams on a specific subject. This book most definitely lives up to its title as a great illustrated guide of fixed prostheses options for dental technicians and dentists. Its content includes a wide range of elementary topics including clinical-laboratory communication and single tooth restorations through to the more advanced CAD-CAM, implant-supported restorations and full-mouth rehabilitation techniques. Each topic is discussed through the aid of patient cases that the authors have completed personally and chapters are helpfully split into sub-categories with interesting historical facts on the subjects. Every page is decorated with high quality photographs and illustrations to aid the reader in visualising the processes described.

The text is written from the viewpoint of the authors - both are laboratory technicians who specialise in ceramics - making the book more relevant to dental technicians. As a dentist myself, I found the book very pleasing to read, if somewhat too detailed in sections. It is weighted heavily on laboratory processes rather than clinical approaches and therefore better suits the dental technician or dentists with more advanced restorative knowledge. However, it does provide helpful hints to improve the clinician-technician-patient relationship and allows the dentist to understand the steps being undertaken

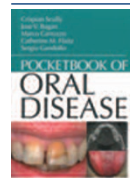
in the lab; teaching of which I found can be lacking at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Overall I think this book will engage readers as the authors' passion and attention to detail is inspiring and makes the reader want to strive for similar. I found the photography beautiful and the most impressive part of the book. My only criticisms are the title is slightly misleading as the text only covers fixed partial denture treatment rather than all forms of rehabilitation techniques and the photographs are not labeled, which would be valuable to the reader.

Indeed this would be a fantastic aid to the laboratory as not only a refresher but for technicians to advance their knowledge into more specialist areas of prosthetics. I believe the key audience for this book is the dental technician, but it would also be useful for restorative specialists and the keen GDP.

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POCKETBOOK OF ORAL DISEASE



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This title provides a concise easy reference guide to oral disease. Produced by leading specialists, this pocketbook covers common and more serious oral diseases with an emphasis on diagnosis and treatment within the primary care setting.

The introduction covers history taking and clinical examination, providing the reader with a systematic approach to gathering essential information for

accurate diagnosis. It contains excellent photographs of anatomical features and developmental anomalies and identifies common terms for describing oral lesions.

Chapter two describes oral disease by signs and symptoms, while chapter three discusses various sites giving a summary of common lesions within these areas. Both are set out in a reader-friendly, quick reference format.

Chapter two is easy to navigate with signs and symptoms appearing in alphabetical order. Information is presented over double-page spreads with key points accompanied by clinical photographs, easy to follow algorithms and quick-reference tables identifying main causes.

Common lesions are discussed by site in chapter three, with more information given under the following headings; orofacial presentation, aetiopathogenesis, age and gender predominance, differential diagnosis, main diagnostic criteria, investigations and management. This information will certainly aid practitioners in confirming a definitive diagnosis and planning treatment.

The next two chapters deal with oral manifestations of iatrogenic conditions, immune defects, haematological defects and malignancies. They include multiple tables and colour photographs to alert the reader to presentation of these lesions.

The remaining chapters cover diagnosis, investigations, management of more common oral conditions and referral for specialist advice. More complex terms are clarified in a 15 page glossary.

Overall each chapter covers essential information concisely, with a well structured, easy to follow layout. The text contains over 500 illustrations and tables,