BOOK REVIEW



ORAL PATHOLOGY IN THE PEDIATRIC PATIENT: A CLINICAL GUIDE TO THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF MUCOSAL LESIONS

Elizabeth Philipone and Angela J. Yoon Springer, 2017 price €107.09 pp. 148 ISBN: 9783319446387

As the title suggests, this book aims to discuss the diagnosis and treatment of both transient and persistent mucosal lesions in paediatric dental patients in a practical, user-friendly manner. Its concise text and relatively small size means this book would be good as a quick and easy-to-use reference guide for general dental practitioners but is too basic for those who require more knowledge of histopathology. It is important to note that as the authors of the book are American they sometimes use terminology and suggest treatment options not routinely used in the United Kingdom; this is something practising clinicians need to be aware of to prevent confusion.

The authors take a potentially complicated subject and break it down into easy-to-read chapters with simple explanations of the different mucosal lesions. Part One focuses on common presentations of lumps and bumps, papillary lesions, oral ulcers, white and red patches, gingival lesions and pigmented lesions. For each they describe the clinical appearance, aetiology, location, differential diagnoses and treatment. Each lesion is also well illustrated with photographs demonstrating the various presentations which are an invaluable learning tool and the common extra-oral manifestations associated with these lesions are also discussed and illustrated in brief. They give useful clinical clues which help to distinguish between different mucosal lesions and blue boxes highlight important points. Part Two discusses oral manifestations of systemic disease, habits and abuses which provides a good overview of the common signs to look out for and highlights the importance of referring to the appropriate bodies.

In summary, this small, concise book highlights the importance of assessing the oral soft tissues in paediatric dental patients and provides a good reference guide for general dental practitioners, especially when identifying different mucosal lesions due to the effective use of illustrations. However, caution should be taken by UK practitioners as the book uses American terminology, spellings and treatment options which are not routinely used in the UK.

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Honours, awards, appointments

BDEWF Young Communicator

The *BDJ* Portfolio's Associate Editor David Westgarth, who is Editor of *BDJ In Practice* and *BDJ Student*, received first prize in this year's British Dental Editors and Writers Forum (BDEWF) Young Communicator Awards. David (pictured, right) received the award for an article on stress and fitness-to-practise in dentistry, published in *BDJ In Practice* in March 2017.

Second prize was awarded to Yasmin Allen (pictured, left), a Clinical Fellow in Leadership at Health Education England, for writing, directing and producing a video in June 2017 promoting the benefits of using digital technology and innovation within dental settings, using emergency dental care as an example.

The awards were presented at the BDEWF's annual dinner at the RAF Club in London.



Distinguished Alumni

Stephen J. Challacombe, Professor of Oral Medicine at King's College London, has received the 2017 Mayo Clinic Distinguished Alumni Award. The award acknowledges and shows appreciation for the exceptional contributions of Mayo alumni to the field of medicine. This is the first time that a dentally qualified person has won the award and only the second time that a UK clinician has won it.

Dr Challacombe completed a fellowship in immunology research at Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education in Rochester, Minnesota, in 1979.

Dental adviser

Dr Nick Palmer of the FGDP(UK) has been appointed dental adviser to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)'s Committee on Managing Common Infections.

NICE is currently developing a 'suite' of guidelines on infection management and antibiotic prescribing, and Dr Palmer's role will include both prioritisation of topics and advising on guideline content.

Fellowship awards

The FGDP(UK) has awarded Fellowships to 13 individuals in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the profession.

Honorary Fellowship: Keith Horner and Fiona Erasmus Fellowship by Election: Graham Douglas Stokes, William Paul Cushley, Bruce Hogan, Tony Wyn Jones, Pearse Stinson, Derek Maguire

Fellowship Ad Eundem: Nicholas John Lewis, Daniel Chi Kwok Ng, Anish N. Shah, Kenny Siu Keung Tong