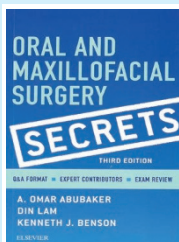


BOOK REVIEW



ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY SECRETS, THIRD EDITION

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The third edition of this book contains a thorough update of the clinical information and the introduction of 15 new chapters, exploring topics such as 'osteonecrosis of the jaws' and 'craniofacial syndromes'. Many of the new inclusions were in response to feedback received by the editor, which in turn reflects the relevance of these topics to the target audience of this book.

The original edition was published in 2001, and with over 80 contributors to the third edition's 58 chapters, this book gives succinct and relevant information on an impressive range of topics within oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS).

This book is aimed at those with an interest in OMFS, but is also accessible to undergraduate students through to new junior staff starting in the speciality. The level of detail included would be valuable to registrars with exams looming. The practical layout lends this book to use as both a study aid and a quick 'on the ward' reference guide.

The book is compact in size, and I can imagine it becoming well-thumbed due to frequent quick checks – the second edition had emblazoned on the cover 'questions you will be asked in the clinic, in the OR, on the National Exam' and I feel this neatly sums up the utility of this book. It is divided into six major subject headings, for example, 'patient evaluation' and 'perioperative care.' These headings are then further subdivided into chapters covering succinct topics, for example, 'laboratory tests,' 'trigeminal nerve injury' and 'salivary gland diseases.' The chapters are laid out in an engaging question and answer format. The answers are concise and informative and give the impression of model examination answers. Bullet points are used to provide informative reference lists related to appropriate questions. Where more in-depth explanation of a concept is required, it is included and each chapter concludes with a bibliography to facilitate further research on a chosen topic.

Summary tables and diagrams are featured frequently throughout the text and augment the prose information well.

For a new junior member of staff to the OMFS environment, I would particularly recommend the 'patient evaluation' section – it summarises sensible advice and again provides a handy reference guide which can be supplemented with further reading.

From my personal experience, I would definitely recommend this book to any core trainee currently in or about to commence a post in OMFS. The question and answer layout is particularly appealing – it lends itself to speedy reference to the relevant section, which is aided by the detailed subdivision of the chapters. This book would also be of benefit to OMFS registrars facing the frequent questions on ward rounds and in theatre, and then for more methodical revision in the approach to exams. Overall, a valuable addition to anyone working, or aspiring to work, within OMFS.

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BSP conference 2017 to focus on performance

This year's British Society of Periodontology (BSP) annual conference is based on the theme of 'Performance!' with a clear focus on inspiration, innovation and pushing the boundaries in periodontal treatment.

The event will be held at King's Place in London on 22 and 23 June and will start each day with remarkable keynote speakers Dr Dan Martin of UCL Extreme Everest and Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, 11 gold Paralympic medal winner. Each will bring practicality and experience to the subject of personal performance – and relate this to everyday life in practice improvement and development.

BSP President and host Professor Ian Needleman said: 'The two-day event will be buzzing with energy taking the theme of performance to heart with an optional fun run on Thursday morning for the early riser delegates!'

To explore the subject of performance in greater depth, the conference's four main sessions also focus on ways to improve practice.

'Effecting behaviour change' will be led by Professor Susan Michie and Robert West, world experts in behaviour change, supported by Dr Birgitta Jonsson. 'Techniques for enhancing periodontal outcomes' closes the Thursday programme – led by one of the world's leading clinicians, Dr Otto Zuhre from Munich. Professor Roger Kneebone, Imperial College, will showcase his fascinating research on how we can improve our own operative outcomes from understanding artistic performance.

Friday's first session will explore improving the performance of long-term outcomes – vital for periodontal health. Professor Ola Norderd from Sweden will present lessons from his team's long-term research studies. Professor Iain Chapple, from the University of Birmingham, will review new digital risk assessment tools to see what they offer in managing patients with periodontal disease. Digital medicine guru Dr Maneesh Juneja will explore the future of digital medicine.

The last session brings together two outstanding clinicians. Professor German Galucci (Harvard, USA), will reveal the future of implant dentistry using digital technology to enhance performance. Dr Erik Svendsrud (Oslo, Norway) will show what we should expect from restorative care for the highly susceptible patient to enhance periodontal health.

Limited attendance sessions include bite-size training on social media and a practical guide to mindfulness. The society's Early Career Group have a sell-out group social event planned. The conference promises to be an excellent forum for networking as there is a formal dinner on Thursday evening, scheduled breaks, lunchtime refreshments and a trade exhibition running throughout the event.

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