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TITLE: Saunders review of dental hygiene with CD-ROM, 2nd edition
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'A very useful companion...'

Saunders review of dental hygiene does a very good job of covering an entire dental hygiene syllabus in a single volume. It is designed for the American trainee hygienist and this does need to be kept in mind when reading from it – and access to a good library of British publications to refer against is advisable when working from this publication.

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There is a heavy emphasis on anatomy, pathology and immunology, which is no bad thing as it can be very hard to find clear and relevant texts on these subjects. Clinical technique and instrumentation is covered, but there is slightly more emphasis on working theory than there is on a step-by-step technique reference. In my short experience in studying dental therapy I found a systematic, heavily diagrammed book on technique a very helpful aid, so it may still be worth looking elsewhere for such a text as a useful supplement to this book.

The CD-ROM works on a MAC or PC, and should work on any fairly modern computer. It contains some great learning resources,

which are surprisingly refreshing as something to turn your attention to after too much book-prep! Contained within the 'Learning Activities' section are some crosswords and word searches which link to chapters of the book. In 'Extras' there are some very good PDF files which contain tables of definitions related to individual parts of the book – the kind of thing I can imagine printing out and sticking up on the wall! There is also a practice exam which looks very useful as a good refresher. It has the format of many online tests I have seen and that translates into a test format which is very straightforward. My only concern about the CD is that I found some parts of the menu very hard to use as some of the links don't appear to work, but nothing pops up to tell you it's not working!

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Returning to the book itself, it's absolutely packed with diagrams and tests in every chapter, so you can monitor your progress throughout. There are also the traditional end-of-section tests which are great for final revision sessions.

All in all this is a very useful companion in studying for dental hygiene, with all bases covered. Just watch for the American spellings and standards lists, and prepare to use some peripheral references too.

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TITLE: Radiographic imaging for the dental team, 4th edition
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My previous knowledge of radiation protection was received while attending a half day course, 'Core of Knowledge', back in 1994, but there is so much literature available to the dental team these days. I had not really thought about learning more about radiology until I attended the last BDTA Dental Showcase in London, where I attended a verifiable CPD seminar on radiography and radiation. It was well delivered and I was intrigued to refresh my radiology knowledge and further my development.

'Easy to understand throughout with a good layout and plenty of detailed information. It is a good learning aid targeted at the whole team.'

I offered to review *Radiographic imaging for the dental team* (4th edition) to gain some insight into the subject, as it is my aim to do postgraduate training in radiology at some stage. The book highlights ionising radiation safety within