broken down into chapters. The topics include the structure and functions of the oral cavity, which provides an outline of the structures and function of the tissues, teeth, tongue and saliva. A detailed list of dentition eruption dates is provided with diagrams. The second section, diseases and conditions of the oral cavity, includes chapters on chronic gingivitis and periodontitis, common oral diseases, caries, sensitivity and xerostomia. Prevention of oral diseases is comprehensively explored in the third section. Delivering oral health messages, the fourth section, includes chapters on communication, principles of education and planning oral hygiene sessions. The fifth section oral health target groups explores different case studies of patient groups. Finally, oral health and society looks at the wider issues of improving the oral health of the nation.

‘It would benefit anyone involved with the health of patients as oral health is central to our general wellbeing.’

There are a few diagrams scattered throughout the book and a selection of excellent photographs are included depicting the various diseases of the oral cavity.

To conclude this book provides a comprehensive review of oral health education and promotion and would prove to be a valuable reference book for all dental practices and an essential handbook for the student oral health educator.

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A fabulous book.

I was thrilled when I was asked to review this fabulous book. When I was studying dental hygiene at King's Dental School London I had an old third edition copy on my shelf. I found it was an invaluable tool for my studies, and an excellent point of reference on clinic. Unfortunately, if my memory serves me well the pictures were few and far between, but still very interesting and compulsive reading.

This fifth edition confirms the popularity of the text and the authors' desire to produce a valued resource for the dental hygiene student and teacher of oral pathology. The book is full of excellent clinical photographs and photographic radiographs which would help to enhance the teaching experience for any student and assist any teacher to pass on knowledge.

‘It could be considered to be the next best adjunct to hands-on clinical practice.’

The quality contrast and density of the radiographs clearly depict abnormalities and pathologies. The text information is presented in a clear manner that is easy to understand and provides appropriate information to the dental hygiene student, and is an invaluable reference guide for the experienced hygienist. The fifth edition includes a variety of learning features to help students achieve the best possible outcomes in both the classroom and clinical setting. It now includes as an added bonus an interactive companion CD for Windows/Mac so you

can perfect your skills and prepare for your dental hygiene exam.

A detailed vocabulary list with definitions and pronunciations is at the beginning of each chapter which will help students learn essential new dental terminology.

Each chapter begins with a list of objectives that provides an overview of what is covered in each chapter, providing the reader with a clear outline of the information they can expect to learn and preparing them for the question section. It also has a very useful brief synopsis table outlining the most critical information in each chapter which will enable students to review all the disorders at a glance and acts as a quick reference for experienced hygienists in a clinical setting.

Review questions at the end of each chapter help students test their knowledge and serve as good practice for revision towards the final exam. At the end of each chapter there is a list of up-to-date references which reflect new research and will provide the student with additional study resources. Throughout the book you will find highlighted words which can be found in the comprehensive glossary at the end of the book to give you short answer definitions.

Inside the back cover there is a CD-ROM containing over 50 case studies which will assist the clinician in applying their knowledge to real-life situations and will also help students master the important critical thinking skills required while working in the clinical setting. It could be considered to be the next best adjunct to hands-on clinical practice and could be a great asset for team projects.

One of the biggest additions to the fifth edition for me is the online Evolve website which includes a wealth of information and additional learning tools.

This colourful textbook with corresponding CD-ROM definitely meets its goal to be an invaluable oral pathology resource for dental hygiene students, practitioners, and to facilitate teaching and learning. It is practical, user-friendly, and comprehensive.

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