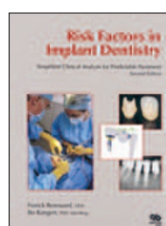


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RISK FACTORS IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY



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The authors of this hardback aim to appeal to a wide range of clinicians from students to implant specialists. The intention of their book is to demonstrate a simplified clinical analysis for predictable treatment when carrying out implant dentistry.

As the authors are European the translated text is occasionally a little elaborate. However, the content is simple to navigate and each chapter consists of numerous constructive clinical photographs, radiographs and illustrated diagrams. The authors also include a large number of tables and checklists, which are particularly valuable for highlighting the most important text and for summarising specific risk factors.

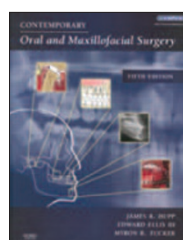
Seven chapters detail the general, aesthetic and biomechanical risk factors involved in placing dental implants. The edentulous maxilla and mandible are tackled individually and there is a section dedicated to successful treatment planning. This includes radiographic examination and the construction of surgical guides. It also touches on the indications for bone augmentation. I particularly liked the last chapter, which consists of tables that simply list some of the complications a clinician may encounter. Each complication is linked to a probable cause and a solution. There is even a 'top 10 tips for establishing your dental implant practice' – although many of these will be

evident to the experienced clinician. Several of the chapters conclude with a test to enable the reader to check their knowledge. The book draws to a close with a handy list of recommended reading.

This book will serve as a valuable aid for treatment planning and for identifying patients for whom treatment may be best avoided. The quality of the photographs is excellent. It would be fair to say that there is a certain amount of assumed knowledge – the book will not tell you how to place an implant, it simply discusses the risk factors associated with doing so. On the other hand, I imagine that for the experienced implantologist, the educational benefit may be rather limited as the text is brief in parts.

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CONTEMPORARY ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY, 5TH EDITION



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This popular title comprises 714 pages divided into nine sections covering: principles of surgery, principles of exodontia, preprosthetic and implant surgery, infections, management of oral pathologic lesions, oral and maxillofacial trauma, dentofacial deformities and temporomandibular disorders and facial pain. For this edition the entire text has been extensively reviewed and updated, with many chapters considerably revised. Furthermore the book itself is now in full colour to enhance the photographic images and

diagrams, while new to this edition is an accompanying Evolve website which contains numerous instructional videos of basic surgical procedures.

The book as a whole is well laid out and extensively illustrated. The chapters concerning basic oral surgery procedures, such as those on exodontia and endodontic surgery, are very detailed and cover topics including patient selection, evaluation, diagnosis and management. They go on to describe the surgical techniques required in step-by-step detail with appropriate clinical photographs and diagrams. There is also a very useful section, in my opinion lacking in many other oral surgery texts, illustrating how to correctly hold and position surgical instruments which would be of particular relevance to undergraduate students. More complex oral and maxillofacial surgery procedures, such as the management of dentofacial deformities, are covered in an overview style. Although discussed in less detail than those topics mentioned above these chapters are still very informative and cover what are often complex procedures in a clear, concise manner. On a more cautious note, potential readers need to be mindful of this book's American origin and so drug names, medico-legal aspects and in some instances recommended practices differ from contemporary British practice.

Overall this book provides a vast amount of information in an understandable and well illustrated format, albeit aimed at an American market. However, I still feel that it would be of use to any individual who has an interest in oral and maxillofacial surgery and would be a useful addition to any maxillofacial surgery department library.

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