onstrate some of the common difficulties often experienced by clinicians, on the rare occasion when a patient does not conform to the idiom of the 'ideal' candidate!

The authors also tackle some of the current areas of ongoing research, such as immediate loading of implants. The 'immediate smile' procedure allows a provisional screw-retained restoration in the same appointment as the implant placement.

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This large and comprehensive evidence-based text consists of nine chapters covering most aspects of dentoalveolar surgery and implant surgery. The first few chapters focus on preoperative preparation and patient management, simple and complex tooth extraction and surgical removal of unerupted and ectopic teeth. Tooth preserving procedures such as periradicular surgery, transplantation, replantation and hemisection are also covered. A brief summary of the management of common odontogenic cysts, tumours and bone lesions is given along with a comprehensive chapter on the management of trauma to permanent teeth. Operative techniques for intra-oral soft tissue surgery, including periodontal surgery, are covered and a 200 page chapter is devoted to implant surgery. The final chapter considers medical conditions which may impact on surgical treatment and

management of medical emergencies. A list of references is included at the end of each chapter.

Throughout the text the surgical procedures involved are presented by brief description in text accompanied by step-by-step annotated intra-oral colour photographs. The numerous illustrations are of very high quality, clear and easy to understand. Each chapter also covers post-operative complications and their management using evidence from the scientific literature.

Though the authors present their preferred technique for each particular procedure the reader is encouraged to consider each case individually as the illustrated procedures may not be appropriate for their particular patient. It is also worth mentioning that the authors of the text present examples from Germany, Austria and Switzerland and some of the clinical guidelines mentioned differ significantly from those accepted in the UK. This is most relevant in the chapter on management of at risk patients which recommends the use of antibiotic prophylaxis in all dental procedures for the prevention of bacterial endocarditis and in patients with prosthetic joints. The text also recommends the use of lingual flap retraction for lower third molar removal which has been a topic of debate among different clinicians.

I feel this text fulfils its aim of presenting well illustrated clinical cases in many aspects of dentoalveolar and intra-oral soft tissue surgery. I would recommend this book as a clinical guide for those working in the specialist field of oral surgery and especially to those with an interest in implant surgery. The text is easy to use, either as a quick reference for a particular clinical procedure, or as background reading in the subject.

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