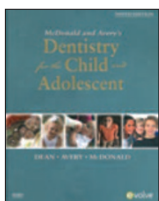


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McDONALD AND AVERY'S DENTISTRY FOR THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT, 9TH EDITION



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R. E. McDonald
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This is an excellent 686 page hardback. Numerous American professionals have worked together incorporating each of their specialist fields to produce 31 informative chapters. Chapters include extensive information on child abuse and neglect, dental caries in the child and adolescent, local anaesthetic and pain control for the child and adolescent, restorative treatment, community oral health and much more. This book aims to inform the reader of present diagnostic and treatment recommendations in these particular areas of paediatric dentistry and where possible information is evidence-based and current research and literature sources are well documented.

Each chapter is clearly set out and superbly illustrated. The outline at the beginning of each chapter gives the reader a brief understanding of any areas to be discussed and what is entailed within that particular subject area. Interesting and relevant illustrations, clear graphs and tables are included throughout the book which successfully enhance and aid the reader's understanding. The information is relevant to the practice of paediatric dentistry and the text is well structured and easy to read. There are also many colour clinical photographs as well as radiographs included in each chapter. The photographs explain well the advice given in the text and in many

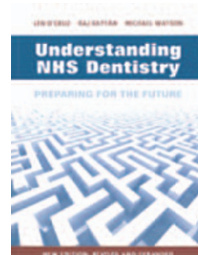
cases, show the treatment procedures step by step, which I believe many readers will find useful and clarifying.

This book is aimed at both undergraduate dental students and postdoctoral paediatric dental students as well as experienced dentists. This new edition is also connected to Elsevier's Evolve website. This means that the reader can take advantage of the information from the text as well as additional elements. I believe due to the advanced range of information provided in this book it will appeal to a wide range of professionals but in particular undergraduate students, for whom it will act as an excellent guide to paediatric dentistry as well as an outstanding revision aid. In particular, chapter 21, which gives extensive information on management of trauma to both the primary and permanent dentition and their supporting structures.

In summary this is a well written, interesting book with lovely illustrations. The presentation is excellent and I feel it will appeal to all members of our profession.

F. Campbell

UNDERSTANDING NHS DENTISTRY: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE (NEW EDITION: REVISED AND EXPANDED)



L. D'Cruz, R. Rattan,
M. Watson
UK: Dental Publishing
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ISBN 9780956672308

The authors of this book have completely rewritten the first edition, which was published in 2006 following the

introduction of the new dental contract, to take into account the new practicalities of working within the revised NHS system. The result is a well written 260 page book which aims to help prepare the dental team for the future of NHS dentistry and the changes promised by the Government.

The authors have used their specialist knowledge in NHS dentistry, including their experience in government policy and PCT advising, dento-legal matters and consultancy on the new dental contract, to formulate a practical book which NHS practitioners will find both relevant and useful.

The colour coded layout enables quick and easy access to the four areas covered within the book. Firstly, part one describes how the NHS system works now and covers the basics of the 2006 contract including ways of gaining further information on this subject. It then discusses ways in which commissioning may change in the future, the role of the PCT and finally the role of the dental team within the system, including practice owners, associates, vocational trainees and other dental care professionals.

Part two addresses how to work within the system and contracting models. The difference between GDS and PDS contracts is explained including the role of the PCT and the NHS in formulating these agreements. This chapter then goes on to discuss how UDAs can affect practice management including recall recommendations, patient referral advice and how patient charge banding is implemented and regulated.

Part three is particularly aimed at practice owners and explains the financial and administrative side of the NHS

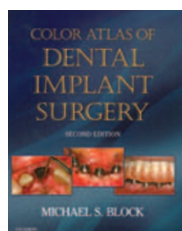
contract. This includes the contractor's responsibilities in relation to managing associates and other members of staff and gives example models of ways to successfully divide contract value between practice associates. Complaint procedures and resolutions are then covered followed by a short chapter on clinical governance.

Finally, part four discusses the business considerations of running a successful NHS practice in an ever-changing environment and how dental practitioners can prepare for and manage the changes which are to come.

In summary, a well structured and written book accumulating the knowledge of three practitioners whose vast experience within the NHS enables this book to be of relevance to all general dental practitioners including associates and practice owners.

S. Williams

COLOR ATLAS OF DENTAL IMPLANT SURGERY, 3RD EDITION



M. S. Block
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This is an organised and well structured book, providing the latest in dental implant surgery and associated grafting procedures. It acts as a surgical guide for the clinician covering every implant challenge and also contains an abundance of colour photographs which help towards clarifying concepts in implant dentistry. The topics addressed include: treatment planning, pre-surgical guidelines, detailed surgical techniques and postoperative follow-up. The book discusses extraction site protocols to reconstruct and preserve bone bulk and methods for grafting, to allow for implant placement at a later date.

Incorporated within the text are new methods for implant restoration, from single-tooth to multi-unit restorations along with attention to aesthetic considerations in relation to central incisors. The book also looks at immediate implant placement and the immediate

loading of the edentulous mandible with provisional and final restorations, providing the patient with complete restoration of function within minutes of implant placement.

The book analyses the use of distraction osteogenesis for severely atrophic anterior maxillary sites and treatment of anterior maxillary atrophy with onlay grafts for fixed prosthetics, to restore the patient with severe maxillary defects and create the soft tissue needed for bone graft and later implant placement. The publication also discusses new techniques for bone morphogenetic protein for sinus augmentation, allowing implant placement, without the need for morbid autogenous bone harvesting or the use of allografts or xenografts.

A thoroughly enthralling and educational read, this is a must for every implant surgeon and advanced restorative clinician!

O. Morgan

HARTY'S ENDODONTICS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE, 6TH EDITION



B. San Chong (ed)
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price £53.99; pp 312
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This book was originally written by Fred Harty, and has since evolved, maintaining its relevance to current practice and literature. This sixth edition has been dedicated to the late Tom Pitt Ford, Professor of Endodontology, who had edited previous texts. The introduction of this book of 'proven, current endodontic practice' describes it as being intended for both 'dental practitioners seeking to update their knowledge' and for dental students in the UK as 'an essential undergraduate text'.

This 285 page paperback has 15 chapters. In contrast to other books, each chapter has been written by a different author with postgraduate qualifications and expertise on the individual topic and has been efficiently edited to include the salient points without labouring in excessive detail. Chapters follow a sound and structured layout

including a contents page, background summary, introduction, learning outcomes and references.

The chapters are self explanatory and include an introduction/overview (outlining the scope of endodontics and recent developments); general and systemic aspects of endodontics; diagnosis; pulp anatomy; maintaining pulp vitality; basic instrumentation; preparation of the canal; intracanal medication; root canal obturation; surgical endodontics; primary teeth; traumatic injuries; periodontitis; endodontic problems; and restoration of the endodontically treated tooth.

The text greatly benefits from an abundance of labelled images throughout, including radiographs, coloured clinical photographs, diagrams, charts and tables. Unlike some related textbooks, the images are modern. Photographs and radiographs are of high quality and in many cases, clinical procedures have been illustrated in a stepwise series - such as access cavities; surgical endodontics (apicectomies and periodontal surgery); and restoration of the endodontically treated tooth (anterior and posterior intra-canal posts and extra-coral restorations)

The number of revised editions of this book reflects continual advancements in this sub-speciality. This book is a simple one-step tool for keeping abreast of new techniques including rotary endodontics, electronic apex locators, and heated gutta-percha delivery systems. References have also been made to new UK guidelines of single-use instrumentation.

I used a previous edition of this text for my undergraduate learning, and I am impressed with how it has since advanced. Reviewing the current revised edition, I can see how it is highly relevant to both undergraduates and general dental practitioners.

K. Forde