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PICKARD'S MANUAL OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY, 9TH EDITION



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Pickard's manual of operative dentistry has been one of the cornerstones of every dental undergraduate's studies. Whilst the previous edition was a tome, the authors have sharpened and condensed this newest edition. It includes an excellent level of colour illustrations and clinical photographs that provides an easy to follow introduction or refresher to operative dentistry.

There is a welcome section on simple diagnosis and treatment planning, which is sure to be of use for OSCE revision as well as to provide the basis for many ad hoc VDP tutorials.

My only concern with this edition is the limited time given to the handling and placement of amalgam. Training institutes are concerned with ensuring that their graduates are best equipped to go out into the world and treat patients, but some schools have opted to stop teaching the use of amalgam. However, in the NHS where most of us work, this forms the greatest proportion of what we do and its absence from this edition is clearly felt. Through education we achieve change but in an NHS undergoing the biggest budget cuts for at least two generations can we really afford for dental graduates not to be taught amalgam handling?

The most impressive section of this book that will without a doubt prove

to be of greatest use to students is the chapter devoted to step-by-step clinical procedures. With thorough regard not only to excellent clinical intra-oral photographs but also well written instruction tips and best material guidelines, *Pickard's manual* is always useful for that last minute check before clinic or before an OSCE.

There are several books that we all read and need as undergraduates and this is one of them. Its only limitation, as previously mentioned, is its lack of depth in amalgam handling. It is otherwise a concise and thoughtful book, which is a much needed update to its predecessor.

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SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS IN ORAL IMPLANTOLOGY: ETIOLOGY, PREVENTION, AND MANAGEMENT



L. Al-Faraje
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This reader-friendly publication provides a comprehensive reference guide to almost every conceivable complication relating to implant placement and lateral window sinus elevation. It is well written and richly illustrated and is aimed at dental practitioners with an interest in implant placement and grafting procedures, as well as dental specialists.

This book is divided into five parts, covering a total of 75 surgical complications. Parts one to three educate the reader on how to identify pre-operative conditions that could lead

to complications and how to deal with both intra-operative and postoperative complications that may arise in implant placement. Complications covered include: incorrect implant angulation, nerve injury, sinus floor perforation, inadequate initial stability and complications in flapless implant placement to name but a few.

Part four covers complications associated with lateral window sinus elevation, divided into pre-operative, intra-operative and postoperative complications. The range of complications covered varies from pre-operative acute sinusitis to early implant migration into the sinus cavity and everything in between. Part five is dedicated to the prevention and management of pain and infection with a useful chapter on bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw and a chapter on patients with bleeding problems.

Each complication has a dedicated chapter and is presented clearly and comprehensively as a practical clinical guide. Each chapter follows a similar outline with a concise description, symptoms where appropriate, prevention strategies and the various management techniques required. Each chapter is also well illustrated with high quality photographs demonstrating step-by-step management, which helps to give the reader a deeper insight into the complexities of the management of certain issues.

The supplemental appendices provide useful practical information for the surgeon, for example risk factor checklists, sample consent forms and postoperative advice information. However, it must be remembered that this publication targets an American audience.