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ORAL PATHOLOGY: CLINICAL PATHOLOGIC CORRELATIONS, 6TH EDITION



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The aim of this text is to present oral diseases in a way that helps a clinician recognise, diagnose and treat a wide range of head and neck pathology. It provides the aetiology, clinical features, differential diagnosis, treatment and explanation of the pathogenesis of the disease in a detailed but easy to read manner. The sixth edition has brought us new concepts on disease aetiology and the molecular basis of cancers, introducing an area of current research.

Presenting a wide breadth of knowledge, this text is ideal for students and those in general practice. The supplemental study resource via the Evolve website gives readers access to an interactive learning experience and study aids for students and instructors.

The book contains a clinical overview and 16 chapters covering a wide range of areas from vesiculobullous diseases to malignancies of the jaws. A major change from the previous edition is the removal of the extensive chapter on common skin lesions of the head and neck. There is a clear structure to each chapter with details of each disease broken down into sections. The differential diagnosis section is useful for linking ideas, emulating the thought processes used by a clinician. Within each chapter the information is logically and clearly set out to make reading ordered and information memorable. Tables and

text boxes are appropriately used to emphasize salient points and it includes 960 high quality photographs and histological images. Each chapter also provides a comprehensive bibliography for further reading.

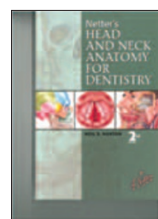
Aspects of previous editions that have worked well have been kept, such as the valuable clinical overview section at the start of the book. Key diseases are summarised in a succinct, tabulated form with associated pictures. This is ideal for revision, as a pragmatic quick reference section with 'need-to-know' information.

The book is written by American authors but this is only noticeable when epidemiological data is given that relates exclusively to the USA and UK readers will still find the text just as wholesome.

In conclusion, this book is a clear, concise, understandable and well organised oral pathology book. I feel it is a valuable addition to a dental professional's library, particularly as a reference text since it is much more than light reading.

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NETTER'S HEAD AND NECK ANATOMY FOR DENTISTRY, 2ND EDITION



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The primary aim of this compact volume is to complement and support dental students' anatomical study. More atlas than text it is nonetheless comprehensive in its approach with over 1,000 expertly drawn, colour coded

and precisely annotated illustrations; the majority of which were originally drawn by Frank H. Netter, a celebrated American physician and artist.

This second edition has three major additions. The first is an introductory chapter on the upper limb, thorax and abdomen principally designed to provide the dental student with the gross anatomical knowledge required to complete those portions of their anatomy course. The second is the inclusion of over 20 radiographic images that complement illustrations throughout the book. The final addition comprises 100 MCQs that cover all chapters and provide an excellent means of self-assessment. The book is available in eBook versions and includes a free online trial of *Netter's 3D interactive anatomy*, a superb and dynamic learning aid.

The majority of the book's 22 chapters address a particular anatomical region or group of related structures. Each chapter has a similar layout, commencing with an overview and going on to describe topographic anatomy, vascular and nerve supplies. Each chapter closes with some examples of clinical conditions affecting the relevant region. There is scant prose throughout the book allowing the illustrations to speak for themselves. All of these are complemented by well thought out tables which present detailed information in a digestible format. More general chapters include embryological development of the head and neck, osteology of the skull, the cranial nerves and the autonomic nervous systems. The chapter covering the oral cavity helpfully includes tooth morphology in the primary and permanent dentitions. Intra-oral injections in the maxilla and mandible is the subject of another excellent