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RIDGE PRESENTATION AND IMMEDIATE IMPLANTATION



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Reliable immediate implantation or 'teeth in one day' is what many of our patients are demanding. The extraction of teeth can have a very large effect on our patient's quality of life. This textbook covers all aspects of immediate implant placement, immediate loading and temporisation. This book takes you from the very basics to the most complex cases including informative chapters on treatment planning, case selection, aesthetics, occlusion and the psychological aspects for the patient, to name but a few.

Dr Schwartz-Arad is a specialist in maxillofacial surgery from Tel Aviv and has a very impressive background both in academia and in clinical practice. She is joined in the task of writing this book by 22 international leading names in the world of implant dentistry. In the foreword to this book Dr Dennis P. Tarnow describes this as a 'life's work'. It is only through a 'life's work' that such an impressive book can be written for future generations of implant dentists to learn from.

The book is split into five sections. These five sections describe the background to immediate implant placement, surgical aspects to placement, aesthetic considerations in treatment planning, clinical scenarios, psychological aspects, complications and complex cases. All these sections are illustrated with hundreds of high quality photographs and excellent diagrams, along with CBCT

scans and radiographs. I found the step-by-step photography contributed significantly to my enjoyment of the book.

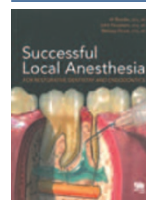
This section on on complex and unusual cases describes immediate implantation following extraction of an impacted maxillary canine, as well as a case of a root fracture where there is a need for an 'emergency' implant placement! All of these cases are followed up over a number of years.

Of particular note, the author presents many arguments for the immediate placement of implants. Along with ridge preservation, another argument strongly put forward throughout the text is the 'quality of life' effect of immediate implant placement. Schwartz-Arad presents an excellently laid out section on the psychological benefits of immediate implant placement and I was certainly convinced by her arguments.

There is something in this book for everyone and thus I would wholeheartedly recommend *Ridge presentation and immediate implantation* to any practitioner of implant dentistry.

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SUCCESSFUL LOCAL ANESTHESIA



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Many patients fear the dentist due to past experiences of pain during treatment; therefore a book which focuses on achieving successful local anaesthesia is a useful point of reference for any dentist. The authors have focused specifically on pulpal anaesthesia as required for restorative and endodontic treatment,

therefore reference is not made to oral surgery or paediatric dentistry.

The book is split into seven chapters dealing first with the clinical factors relating to local anaesthetics, such as how to test for pulpal anaesthesia, reasons for failure and a summary of the different local anaesthetic agents available. The following chapters focus specifically on mandibular and maxillary anaesthesia. Basic techniques for administering local anaesthetic and the relevant anatomy involved are not described; however, different anaesthetic agents, vasoconstrictors and injection techniques are evaluated. The average time of onset and duration of pulpal anaesthesia for each tooth is illustrated for each local anaesthetic agent, which provides a useful reference for consideration when using plain anaesthetic solutions, for example. Detailed description of supplementary local anaesthetic techniques, such as intra-osseous and intraligamentary anaesthesia, are given in chapter four. The equipment available for application of these techniques is evaluated, such as computer-aided delivery systems. The information in these chapters is presented in short sections with reference made to published literature and a summary at the end of each section. This makes the book useful as a quick reference for specific situations, however, it can seem repetitive and does not flow particularly well when reading a chapter from start to finish. Extensive reference sections are included at the end of each chapter for further reading if required.

The most useful chapters are five and seven, which give clinical tips for the management of routine restorative and endodontic procedures. They include clear and well-illustrated algorithms for