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PHOTOGRAPHY IN DENTISTRY: THEORY AND TECHNIQUES IN MODERN DOCUMENTATION



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Increasing numbers of dentists are using photography in their practices, not only for patient records, but also in aiding education, treatment planning and allowing patients to have autonomy over their treatment. The advances in the digital era have simplified the complexities of modern equipment allowing dentists to achieve high quality pictures with minimal effort.

This well-written text, which includes hundreds of photographs, is aimed at any dentist with an interest in dental photography. The 336 page text is split into 2 parts: the theory and the techniques. The 13 chapters cover the general principles of photography, the role of photography in clinical practice and equipment and accessories.

The theory behind photography introduces an easy-to-read guide on camera and exposure settings, which can be applied not only to dental but also general photography. It fluidly follows on to the orthography of images, which highlights the optical properties of light and teeth.

The practical part of the book encompasses two very interesting chapters titled extra-oral and intra-oral series. This is a comprehensive guide on how to take specific views complete with excellent illustrations. The chapters also explain the equipment needed, positioning of patient and camera

settings for each specific view in order to achieve high results for a variety of intra-oral and extra-oral views.

This is a well-thought-out and clearly written publication where the authors' knowledge and interests in photography are clearly shown and conveyed to the reader. The book will be used as a background to understanding the role that photography plays and the extra-oral and intra-oral series can be used as a quick reference guide as one aims to produce optimal images for themselves and their patients.

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INTERDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT PLANNING VOLUME II: COMPREHENSIVE CASE STUDIES



M. Cohen
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Volume II of this book is edited by Dr Michael Cohen and offers 19 chapters consisting of a variety of cases treated by talented clinicians across several disciplines. Each chapter is stand-alone and follows an easy-to-read standardised format:

1. Philosophy and background.
2. Case presentation – a significant part of each case presentation focuses on the initial patient consultation and is illustrated (where appropriate) by way of dental casts, clinical photographs and radiographs. This is followed by a proposed treatment plan and then the actual treatment plan. The book is also accompanied by high quality 'post-treatment overlays' for comparison purposes (transparent overlays that

can be superimposed on pre-treatment chartings – dental and periodontal).

3. Commentary – Each chapter concludes with a commentary in which the clinicians reflect on the philosophy, context and techniques behind the treatments. In some instances, clinicians also comment on how they would treat the case differently if they could turn the clock back.

The book is extremely well presented with high quality clinical photographs and records throughout. Although the treatments proposed are probably too complex for a primary care setting, this book illustrates a holistic approach to treatment planning which should be considered for each patient. In summary, this book demonstrates the importance of a multidisciplinary 'team' approach in achieving treatment outcomes of the highest quality.

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INDIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AROUND THE WORLD: A COMMON AGENDA



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Indian health professionals around the world: a common agenda is a short text which aims to address the common health issues facing patients of Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi background. It discusses the challenges and health concerns this patient group experiences globally, in the UK and within India. Additionally, this text emphasises the role which UK based Indian health professionals can provide to manage