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### **C U @ DENTAL SKL: A GUIDE TO UK DENTAL SCHOOLS AND DENTISTRY AS A CAREER, 2ND ED**



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Reviewing this book reminded me of my personal experience prior to starting at dental school and the difficulties I faced when searching for information to assist in my choices. *C U @ Dental Skl* will no doubt become an invaluable tool for candidates embarking on a career in dentistry and indeed for those deciding if dentistry is right for them.

The title suggests that this book is aimed at a rather young audience, however, the contents of the book should not be underestimated. It will be useful for a much wider audience, including potential postgraduate and mature students.

The book focuses on helping potential students choose the right dental school for them and also explains the process of applying to dental school. This is accompanied by an overview of all dental schools in the UK with contributions from students and members of staff from each school. The use of personal

anecdotes gives a genuine view into 'life as a dental student', as well as 'the transition to professional life', with the latter giving a glimpse of life as a newly qualified dentist.

The chapter on career opportunities available in dentistry is extensive, covering a vast range of careers held by members of the profession from GDPs to the Chief Dental Officer of England. The final chapter offers advice on what to do after receiving an offer to study dentistry and how to prepare for dental school and the dental profession.

This book contains a wealth of information that is presented in a clear and logical fashion, making for an easy read. Nine chapters address fundamental issues and questions, which often arise when considering dentistry as a profession. I would describe this book as fairly comprehensive, however, should candidates require further information references to other relevant materials are made throughout the book.

This book is 'written by leading dental professionals for future dental professionals', aiming to equip potential applicants with the knowledge required to make and pursue this career choice. Its biggest asset is the use of personal stories from across the profession, providing a well-rounded look into dentistry. In my opinion *C U @ Dental Skl* is an excellent starting point for all inquiring about a career in dentistry.

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### **PROSTHETIC TREATMENT OF THE EDENTULOUS PATIENT, 5TH ED**



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All dentists know that providing complete dentures to patients can at times be highly problematic. This established textbook, now in its fifth edition, recognises this and aims to provide a very readable and practical account of all stages of complete denture provision. This book will be ideal for dental students, practising dentists, dental technicians and clinical dental technicians.

The beginning of the book sets the

scene for the reader with coverage of the demographics and characteristics of the edentulous population. There then follows an excellent section covering the transition between the dentate and edentulous state. Here, the value of transitional partial dentures and overdenture abutments are expounded. These techniques are typically not covered in great detail in the busy undergraduate curriculum and so this is a very welcome section. Also here, and new to the fifth edition, is a brief but important section covering implant-retained complete dentures. We know that implant-retained restorations are becoming more widely available and accepted and so this is a useful addition to the book. Chapters covering the mechanics of complete dentures and the physiology of jaw relationships follow from this.

These introductory chapters lead into the clinical aspects of complete denture provision. The reader is taken on a journey from assessment of the patient through to the fitting and review of the prostheses. Thus, there are sections covering investigation of any existing dentures, pre-prosthetic treatment of any complicating oral pathology, impression-making, recording the jaw relationship, trial insertion, fit and review. Each section is seasoned with useful and very practical clinical tips. Common procedures, for example copying dentures, are described well, whilst areas typically considered to be in the realms of the specialist, for example recording the neutral zone, are also covered in good detail such that a general practitioner may well have the confidence to provide levels of care not experienced in the past.

The last chapter of the book deals comprehensively with problem-solving in relation to complete dentures. The aetiology, prevention and management of all the common denture problems are succinctly approached. This is an especially useful section.

Overall, this is an accomplished textbook. It is packed with great clinical advice and the clinician reading this is bound to gain much useful knowledge about this exacting subject. I wholeheartedly recommend this to dental students and practising clinicians.

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