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BOOK REVIEW

CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY

F. H. Alfaro (ed)
Quintessence
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ISBN 9781850972341

Professor Frederico Hernández Alfaro, with his associate editors and authors (mostly from the International University of Catalonia in Barcelona) have produced *Controversial issues in implant dentistry* at a time when the area of implant dentistry is evolving and changing the way we deal with missing teeth and treat our edentulous patients.

This extremely topical hardback book is aimed at the clinician who deals with implant therapy and explores matters that are still in debate, with chapters asking questions such as 'Is socket preservation possible?', 'Short implants... short life?' and 'Biomaterials: which to use and when?' The combination of the authors' and editor's unmistakably vast expertise and presentation of scientific evidence when addressing each provocative question makes for rich reading, which at times is beyond the junior audience but will be of great significance for the intended audience.

Each chapter presents an introduction and background followed by a series of questions with evidence-based answers and extensive references. The quality of diagrams, imaging and series of clinical photographs is a particular highlight and enhances the text, allowing the reader to visualise the techniques suggested, followed by comprehensive clinical cases.

The chapter *Immediate implants: are they safe?* provides a comparison between cases of conventional implant placement and immediate implants, suggesting treatment protocols and giving figures for survival rates. This chapter concludes that immediate implants are a viable option with careful case selection and rigorous treatment protocols. A particularly interesting chapter about the limitations of guided bone regeneration summarises clearly the options for grafting materials with relevant clinical cases. The final chapter *Tissue engineering: how long before reality?* looks to the future, with challenging topics including stem cell research and biodegradable scaffolds.

In conclusion, this book is a comprehensive reference book for clinicians working in the field of implant dentistry. The authors tackle their challenging questions with informative answers and the question/answer configuration makes for an enjoyable format. The imaging is truly exemplary. I would highly recommend this book for the intended audience and for specialists in training.

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