

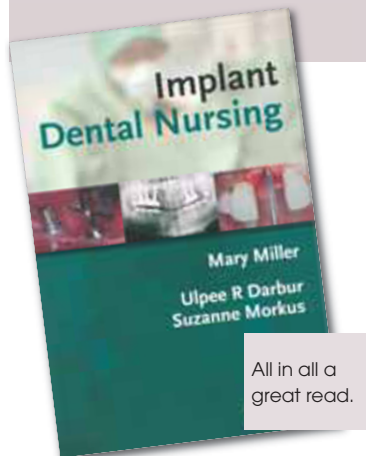
‘...teeth are not the only things that should be focussed on when providing dental care. It is very important to realise that there are a whole host of oral conditions that can lead to the diagnosis of underlying medical conditions.’

The book is very well organised in the order of the chapters. The first three chapters introduce the reader to basic oral anatomy followed by dental diseases then a detailed discussion on oral health promotion. The fourth chapter covers a very important aspect of cross infection control. As this book is aimed at health care workers with basic medical and dental knowledge this part of the book beautifully highlights the importance of protecting the carer as well as the patients in the clinical environment. The book then leads the reader into how to examine and diagnose patients. Chapter six very simply explains how to carry out dental procedures that are adequate for health care workers new to the field. It explains how to scale and root plane teeth, how to give various dental injections followed by how to carry out uncomplicated tooth extractions. The final chapter most importantly highlights to the reader that the teeth are not the only things that should be focussed on when providing dental care. It is very important to realise that there are a whole host of oral conditions that can lead to the diagnosis of underlying medical conditions.

This book was a very enjoyable read. It has achieved its goal well in that it has provided a basic oral health manual for health care workers who operate within a variety of less than ideal situations. It is written in a clear, engaging and accessible style along with beautiful generous illustrations.

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I've been waiting a long time for a book designed for dental nurses assisting in the treatment of dental implants and I can honestly say it was definitely worth the wait. This handbag sized, colourfully illustrated book enabled me to read whenever I liked, admittedly with a few puzzled looks from passers-by.

Due to makeover programmes such as '10 Years Younger', patients are growing much more aware of their appearance, especially their teeth. Although dentures and bridgework have made a great improvement in appearance and functionality over the years patients still want their teeth to feel and look as natural as possible, therefore a greater number of patients are opting for dental implants as a way of restoring their smile.

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The placement of dental implants, although specialised, is becoming a preferred treatment choice for patients and their dentist. This is why I feel that all dental nurses should read this book to familiarise themselves with implant treatment options and the many advantages it holds over bridge and denture work.

This book is a great stepping stone for anyone who wants to learn about dental implants. It is separated into eight short and easy to read chapters. It starts off with an insight into the history of dental implants dating back to the 1800s using hand-shaped ivory, wood and gold progressing to commercially pure titanium which is used today.

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A number of implant systems such as Brånemark and Straumann are discussed including the advantages of each system compared to the others. The fact that it talked about different methods in which they can be used dependent on the complexity of the case was a great advantage to me. This book has enabled me to extend my knowledge on the sinus lift procedure, ridge expansion, bone and soft tissue augmentation which has increased my understanding and has given me the confidence to talk about this with colleagues and patients.

The explanation into types of soft tissue and bone density I found to be very useful, allowing me to understand why the surgeon chooses the method for the implant placement, the implant system itself and the need for such careful and precise planning.

The pictures and diagrams were a great help in describing the different implant systems and the implant placement procedure, prosthetic options as well as the great and not so great aesthetic end results.

This publication is also a great source to refer to when explaining to new members of the surgical team or even to patients. The glossary in the back enabled me to understand some of the terminology used by surgeons and dentists that we as dental nurses wouldn't normally use in general dentistry. I will keep this book in the clinic for everyone to use.

All in all a great read and I would recommend this book to anyone wanting to increase their knowledge and understanding on the benefits of dental implants.

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