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TITLE: Radiography and radiology for dental care professionals, 2nd edition
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I was delighted to be asked by *Vital* to review this splendid book by Eric Whaites. As I am currently undertaking my Key Skills with the Faculty of General Dental Practice I was very excited to be able to use this book to help me with the Radiography Key Skills module.

This book was originally written for dental nurses but it is now been adapted specifically for all dental care professionals.

The book is divided into four main sections which cover the important subject areas of radiography. These are:

- The basic physics and equipment of radiography
- Radiation protection and safety
- The techniques involved in radiography to produce various radiographic images
- The interpretation of these radiographic images.

The structure of the book has been cleverly designed for DCPs to use as a textbook. Each section has been highlighted with bullet points which summarises the important information which can help aid with revision. The illustrations and diagrams are a great addition to the book, helping to emphasise the information being relayed. It is written concisely and clearly for everyone to understand the basic

underpinning theories of radiography and the importance of radiography safety.

I especially liked the comprehensive section on the current UK legislation and guidance on radiography. It provides an overall summary of the legislation which relates to us as DCPs and the general public. I believe that this important area is essential for all DCPs to know and understand.

I also found the section on quality assurance very interesting, especially the section explaining the process of auditing to ensure good, consistent, quality radiographs are taken every time. These processes have been explained in a very understandable and straightforward way which anyone can grasp.

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I believe that this is an impressive book which is great for any DCP who is working towards any qualification in radiography and radiology. I also would definitely recommend this book to any DCP for continuing professional development (CPD) and for a reference book if they are directly or indirectly involved in the taking or processing of radiographs.

I definitely found this book very informative and it makes the subject material more enjoyable to learn. I would highly recommend this book to all dental team members and believe it is a vital addition to any practice bookshelf.

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I am currently undertaking a post-qualification in Dental Radiography and Radiology for Dental Care Professionals through the British Dental Association (BDA). This is an online course run throughout the year (details can be found on the BDA website www.bda.org).

‘This book is definitely a very useful aid and source of information for dental professionals and should be made available to staff in all dental clinics. I would also highly recommend the BDA online course; I think it is great that you can now do this online.’

Included in the price of the course is the book *Radiography and radiology for dental care professionals*, second edition, written by Eric Whaites. I will be starting the theory to this course at the end of January 2009. Having read through the book, there are some chapters I do not fully understand, but hope to overcome this once the online tutorials start. Overall I think this book provides clear, concise information, is very easy to follow and covers all aspects of dental radiography.

This book is definitely a very useful aid and source of information for dental professionals and should be made available to staff in all dental clinics. I would also highly recommend the BDA online course; I think it is great that you can now do this online. It is extremely ideal for those with access to a computer and limited time and those who have children.

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