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TITLE: Saunders review of dental hygiene with CD-ROM, 2nd edition
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Saunders review of dental hygiene does a very good job of covering an entire dental hygiene syllabus in a single volume. It is designed for the American trainee hygienist and this does need to be kept in mind when reading from it – and access to a good library of British publications to refer against is advisable when working from this publication.

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There is a heavy emphasis on anatomy, pathology and immunology, which is no bad thing as it can be very hard to find clear and relevant texts on these subjects. Clinical technique and instrumentation is covered, but there is slightly more emphasis on working theory than there is on a step-by-step technique reference. In my short experience in studying dental therapy I found a systematic, heavily diagrammed book on technique a very helpful aid, so it may still be worth looking elsewhere for such a text as a useful supplement to this book.

The CD-ROM works on a MAC or PC, and should work on any fairly modern computer. It contains some great learning resources,

which are surprisingly refreshing as something to turn your attention to after too much book-prep! Contained within the 'Learning Activities' section are some crosswords and word searches which link to chapters of the book. In 'Extras' there are some very good PDF files which contain tables of definitions related to individual parts of the book – the kind of thing I can imagine printing out and sticking up on the wall! There is also a practice exam which looks very useful as a good refresher. It has the format of many online tests I have seen and that translates into a test format which is very straightforward. My only concern about the CD is that I found some parts of the menu very hard to use as some of the links don't appear to work, but nothing pops up to tell you it's not working!

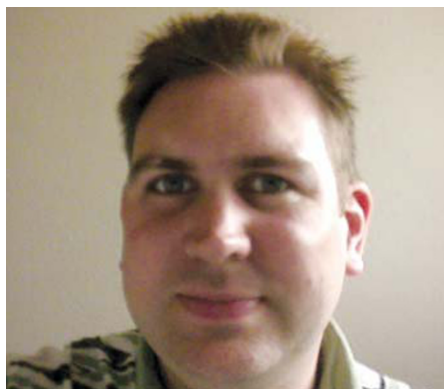
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Returning to the book itself, it's absolutely packed with diagrams and tests in every chapter, so you can monitor your progress throughout. There are also the traditional end-of-section tests which are great for final revision sessions.

All in all this is a very useful companion in studying for dental hygiene, with all bases covered. Just watch for the American spellings and standards lists, and prepare to use some peripheral references too.

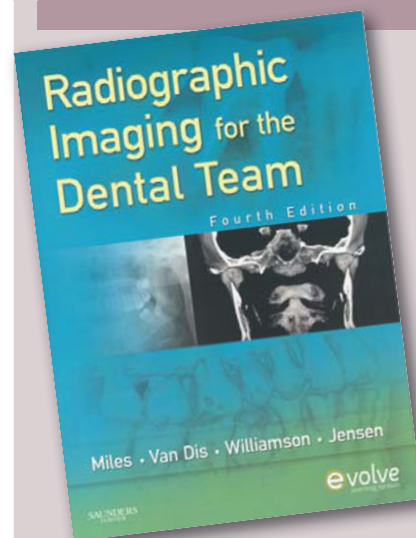
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TITLE: Radiographic imaging for the dental team, 4th edition
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My previous knowledge of radiation protection was received while attending a half day course, 'Core of Knowledge', back in 1994, but there is so much literature available to the dental team these days. I had not really thought about learning more about radiology until I attended the last BDTA Dental Showcase in London, where I attended a verifiable CPD seminar on radiography and radiation. It was well delivered and I was intrigued to refresh my radiology knowledge and further my development.

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I offered to review *Radiographic imaging for the dental team* (4th edition) to gain some insight into the subject, as it is my aim to do postgraduate training in radiology at some stage. The book highlights ionising radiation safety within

the workplace. It gives indications for the correct method and different radiographic techniques to achieve accurate images for the learner. This will ensure patients aren't exposed to further radiation. The book also provides information on manual development, correct developing techniques and protocols. It goes 'back to basics' – ie pre-digital processing – as well as listing full details on digital imaging and processing.

The book gives details on panoramic imaging, cone beam imaging and implant imaging; good detail and illustrations explain how to diagnose different dental diseases, abnormalities, trauma and so on. I found this chapter of the book to be particularly interesting.

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The format of the book enables the reader to study questions at the end of each chapter to evaluate their learning throughout, which is helpful.

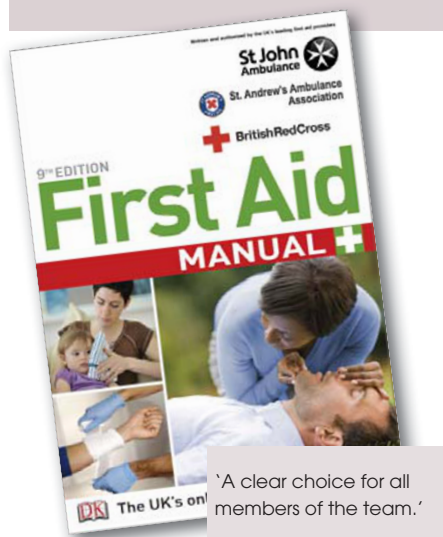
In summary, this book is easy to understand throughout, has a good layout and plenty of detailed information. It is a good learning aid and as the title suggests is targeted at the whole dental team. It covers everything the dental care professional is required to know and enhances their knowledge and expertise in a clear and concise fashion.

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TITLE: First aid manual, 9th edition
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The front cover of this book just makes you want to pick it up and read it – always a good sign – the clear photos along with the authorisation from St John Ambulance, St Andrew's Association and the British Red Cross gave me the reassurance that this book was written with the views of the main market leaders in first aid. That these three societies are working together to raise standards in first aid can only help the dental team.

The contents pages depict 13 sections, each of which are colour coded so that you can navigate straight to the section you want easily – very effective.

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The main sections of the first aid manual detail many injuries, conditions and treatments with a description, a guide to the signs and symptoms, and details of how to treat it. Most of these are a page long, but some are a little longer, and some occupy only half a page. There is also some other information such as how to deal with an incident and some very basic explanations about the working of the body where this is relevant to the first aid guidance. Colour photographs are used

throughout the manual to show some of the key treatment information.

The *First aid manual* comes out as a clear choice for all members of the dental team to use as not only is it well put together and easy to use, but its use as a manual in practice makes it an easy point of reference. Any practice that has a qualified first aider in its team will be able to review all their responsibilities and use it for reminding themselves of their need to be up-to-date on the following:

- Dealing with emergencies at work
- Administering CPR
- Administering first aid to unconscious casualties
- Administering first aid to bleeding or wounded casualties
- Administering first aid for scalds/burns, bone/muscle injuries, shock, eye injuries, poisonings, casualties overcome by gas or fumes
- Safe transportation of casualties.

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We recently carried out our annual CPR training in practice and prior to the training session I reviewed the manual and it was the most up-to-date way of carrying out CPR. I was therefore pleased to know that now the hands on training can be supported with this in-house manual for practice meetings and training updates.

In my role as a practice manager and a dental tutor I am very confident that this will be a great resource tool for my team and my lessons with NVQ dental nursing students. I would recommend every practice to ensure they have a first aid manual that is up-to-date, especially for the medical emergencies that all staff should be aware of.

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