

acquainted with orthodontics, and to serve as a practical aid to orthodontists and general dentists.

The *Glossary* draws subject matter from a multitude of topics including biomechanics, cephalometrics, clinical orthodontics, embryology, growth and development, history of orthodontics, implantology, materials science, occlusion, oral biology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, paediatric dentistry, periodontology, syndromology, and temporomandibular disorders. More than 2800 terms are defined in the 283 pages. Excellent illustrations are provided.

The explanation of terms is very detailed and sometimes like a summary in a textbook. For example 'Tooth eruption mechanisms' are described in detail with six different theories,

including hydrostatic pressure and the dental follicle theory. More than 60 different orthodontic appliances are described in 18 pages.

This book will in the future be a classic tool in the orthodontic profession. The value for non-English colleagues cannot be over-estimated since the descriptions of terms are clear, precise and very informative. It will also be helpful to orthodontists and other professionals interested in the communication of orthodontics and dentofacial orthopaedics. Included with the book is a CD-ROM version, which contains the full text and with hybrid compatibility (both Mac and Windows).

The book is highly recommended.

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A Textbook of Fixed Prosthodontics: the Scandinavian approach (2000)

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This beautifully produced large-format hardback is the child of the *Scandinavian Society for Prosthetic Dentistry* (SSPD). The Scandinavian approach is described as 'a sober individualized approach avoiding complicated and elaborate techniques'. Twenty-three distinguished authors have joined with the Editors to describe this approach, especially for the target audience of undergraduate students of fixed prosthodontics. The aim is to equip them for patient diagnosis, individualized treatment planning, and then either execution of these plans or specialist referral in more complex cases. The book is structured in four main parts of unequal length: (i) Examination and Diagnosis, (ii) Biological Considerations and Pretreatment Procedures, (iii) Prosthodontic Materials, (iv) Treatment Management. There are also considerations of longevity and complications of fixed partial dentures and the deployment of implants. Each of the 20 sub-sections has its own set of 10–25 endnote references to the primary literature.

This makes a good contribution to evidence-based dentistry, a topic dealt with in some detail in the concluding chapter.

The whole subject is thus addressed in a logical sequence and great pains have been taken to ensure consistency throughout the didactic progression. The length of the volume is sufficient to give a thorough grounding in the subject without becoming unwieldy. The layout of the text is most inviting and clear colour illustrations and graphics appear throughout. In treatment-planning, decision-trees are utilized advantageously. In considering prosthodontic biomaterials, several key topics are addressed, such as adverse reactions, for which Nordic researchers are playing an internationally-leading role.

The textbook is recommended for widespread adoption, on the basis of its clear, contemporary, and authoritative approach.

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