

## Book Reviews

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### A guide to general dental practice (2006)

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This paperback is a welcome addition to the general dental practitioner's (GDP) bookshelf, providing some valuable information for the graduate about to enter general practice. It has been produced by GDPs for GDPs, and is concise and clearly printed.

The book is divided into eight sections, and the final part gives useful lists of supply companies, dental organizations, and British Dental Association publications. The first section covers legal and ethical issues and explains the framework within which dentistry is practised in the United Kingdom. The following chapter covers clinical governance and its ever-increasing impact on present and future practice. There is a thorough and detailed section on medical history and its significance, and then a brief chapter on orthodontics, which reminds the general practitioner that, although most treatment is undertaken by specialists, it is the GDPs

responsibility to observe developing children's dentitions, and refer those in need at the appropriate time. This theme of referral is continued in the next chapter, which also deals with prescribing medication.

Section six deals comprehensively with dental and medical emergencies, a vital area of information.

A discussion of the importance of awareness of oral cancer completes the clinical portion of the book, and is followed by a discussion on the main management aspects of running a viable practice. This important section covers finance, surgery design, and setting up a practice.

This is a well-produced and handy little book, which at less than £20.00 is well worth a place in every practitioner's library.

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