

Book Reviews

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Clinical success in surgical and orthodontic treatment of impacted teeth (2006)

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This slim volume is concerned primarily with the management of ectopic maxillary canines and unerupted central incisors in relation to orthodontic appliance treatment. It is a well-laid out book, presenting the mechanisms of eruption and normal development of the dentition as a setting for the subsequent chapters on assessment, prevention, and surgical/orthodontic treatment of impacted teeth. Unfortunately, the attempt to attribute both genetic and environmental causes to the aetiology of ectopic canines leaves the reader more confused than convinced. However, the section on management of ectopic

canines, which occupies a major part of this textbook, is the main feature.

Mechanotherapy and both hard and soft tissue management are thoroughly discussed. The illustrations are profuse and of excellent quality, with computed tomographic scans and reconstructed three-dimensional images used to enhance clarity. The wide range of cases demonstrated is a reflection of the authors' experience in this field. This book would be recommended reading for postgraduates and clinicians alike.

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