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Handbook of orthodontics (2010)

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There are many virtues of this book authored by two colleagues from the UK. It is indeed a concise textbook that is presented in a format that is easy to read and consult. At the same time, the quality of the many illustrations and graphical content are excellent. Personally, the important focus on timing of orthodontic treatment represents an added value to the handbook. Unfortunately, the relationships between treatment timing and individual skeletal maturation in orthodontic patients are not developed and explained in the way they deserve. However, the categorization of diagnosis and treatment at the different developmental phases (developing dentition, permanent dentition, and adulthood) helps in the clinical management of malocclusions.

The book explains quite clearly the theories and modalities of craniofacial growth and puts them into clinical perspective. It also includes a contemporary update on both removable and fixed orthodontic appliances that are still valid treatment choices in the third Millennium. Students, teachers, and clinicians should be aware of this new product in the bookstore, because they all can benefit from having it 'at hand'.

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