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Basic guide to orthodontic dental nursing (2010)

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This book is aimed at dental nurses who seek an introduction to orthodontic dental nursing. It has 273 pages, which are organised in 27 chapters. Additionally, there is an annex containing useful contacts, a glossary of

terms, and an alphabetical index. There are 281 mostly coloured illustrations and figures.

The contents of the chapters try to cover all aspects of orthodontic nursing, ranging from 'definitions of orthodontics',

various appliances (there is even a chapter on 'mandibular advancement devices'), treatment methodologies, legal requirements to political issues.

This book is clearly written for the British market; the patient information leaflets issued by the British Orthodontic Society are widely referred to, there is a chapter dedicated to 'orthodontic therapists' and the book refers to the General Dental Council of the United Kingdom and its regulatory framework for dental care professionals (dental technicians, nurses, and therapists). This book may, however, also be very useful for dental nurses of other countries where English is used for teaching and examination of the subject, even if those

countries may not have followed the legislative path of Great Britain.

The compilation of such a readable and well-illustrated book with such wide ranging content by a single author is a gargantuan task. It is therefore no surprise that some statements and recommendations made in the book are rather vague and some generalisations are unavoidable. On the other hand, the author did not intend to write a comprehensive book on orthodontics or orthodontic nursing but rather to provide basic insight of the subject and this has clearly been achieved.

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