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Skeletal anchorage with microimplants (2007)

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Lack of co-operation and loss of anchorage are the main reasons why the use of skeletal devices has recently been introduced in orthodontics.

In this comprehensive and useful manual, Dr Ritto has described, in an exhaustive and clear manner, many important aspects for the successful application of miniscrews. After an 'unavoidable' brief on the historical background of skeletal anchorage systems, the book presents seven chapters which completely cover this issue: characteristics, form and composition of micro-implants, criteria for selecting the location, insertion technique, clinical applications, complications, and removal. Two chapters are also dedicated to new techniques and equipment

as well as to the conclusions. At the end there is an extensive list of references.

Although the layout shows some weaknesses, the contents are well structured and profusely illustrated with good-quality clinical photographs, schematic figures, and tables presenting a synopsis. The book presents the advantages for the clinician and the benefits for the patient offered by miniscrews within the state of the art of orthodontics. Overall, it is a valuable and helpful guide both for postgraduates beginning their orthodontic training and for practitioners new to this topic.

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