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This new publication in the Quintessential series comprises eight chapters in 162 pages, accompanied by a DVD containing computer animations and clinical videos. The

first seven chapters cover aspects of occlusion such as intercuspal position, normal function, abnormal contacts, reorganizing the occlusion, and the occlusion and its

relationship to the periodontium, implant-borne restorations, and temporomandibular joint dysfunction. The final chapter, comprising 12 subsections, concentrates on practical occlusal techniques including occlusal examination, record taking, articulator selection, and the methods required to ensure a stable occlusal result can be attained following restorative procedures.

Both the book and the DVD are beautifully produced. The computer animations give a useful three-dimensional perspective to the subject while the clinical videos are an excellent accompaniment to the text. The authors are

to be congratulated on a clear, easy-to-read writing style. They display an often pragmatic and always common sense approach to the subject of occlusion, being careful to state when specific concepts described are not necessarily based on scientific fact. This book is an excellent read for both the undergraduate student starting out on occlusion and for those practitioners who are often mystified by the subject, which may well include a number of orthodontists.

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