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Temporary anchorage devices in orthodontics (2008)

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The continuing development of temporary anchorage devices (TADs) has prompted a number of books on this subject. This particular text seeks to appeal to academics and clinicians by covering both the theoretical and practical aspects of TADs. Prominent orthodontic clinicians who are pioneers in this technique have written chapters on the main principles involved in the use of TADs. Each chapter is extensively referenced and accompanied by high-quality illustrations.

The book is organized into five main parts. Part 1 considers the biological perspective of TADs, part 2 addresses the diagnosis and treatment planning of suitable cases, part 3 discusses the biomechanical issues involved, part 4 tackles the practical clinical applications and different types of anchorage systems available, while part 5 focuses on skeletal anchorage systems. Each chapter covers its topic in depth, including the use of the available evidence. Case

reports are used throughout the text to depict a wide range of cases with clinical photographs and radiographs.

The main advantage of this book is also its weakness. The expert contributors who provide their clinical experiences and relevant knowledge vary in the quality of their writing style resulting in some chapters becoming heavy going compared to others! At 431 pages in length, this book is comprehensive. For the clinician seeking to master the use of TADs, this is an appropriately priced hardback book at £87.99 in a competitive market.

To conclude, this is a high-quality text that would supplement the contemporary courses that are available on TADs. It would suit postgraduate students and clinicians seeking to improve their knowledge in this exciting technique.

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