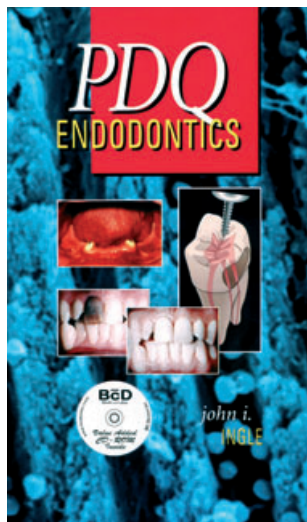

Book review

PDQ Endodontics

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This book has 298 pages, 11 chapters and is produced predominantly in colour. Each chapter is generously illustrated with photographs

and colour diagrams. The book also contains a CD-ROM at the front of each copy with all the chapters available in a fully searchable PDF format.

PDQ – Pretty Darned Quick – Endodontics is designed to be a quick reference to aid the clinician in the management of endodontic procedures. I think this is very true and can be considered a very useful book for the busy practitioner who may have an endodontic query. The book is written in a very easy to read 'chatty' format which is well illustrated.

The book is very much a practical aid to endodontics and highlights operative errors and how to avoid them.

Chapter 4 is very well illustrated and will aid practitioners in improving coronal access cavity preparations, which are fundamental to successful endodontics. I also liked the inclusion of a chapter on endodontic mishaps (chapter 8). This

chapter covers many of the mishaps that do occur, their diagnosis and management. Chapter 9 on the management of endodontic emergencies covers the topic of dental trauma concisely, which again would be very useful for a busy general dental practitioner to have to hand.

In summary this book provides a very concise and easy to read up to date text on the diagnosis and management of endodontic procedures. It is a shame, however, it did not have a chapter on retreatment. This predominantly colour illustrated text is let down a little by the quality of some of its colour photographs. This problem is exactly the same on the CD-ROM. I think this book (and CD-ROM) is suited to general dental practitioners who want to refresh/update their knowledge of endodontics or require a quick reference guide to aid their daily practice.

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