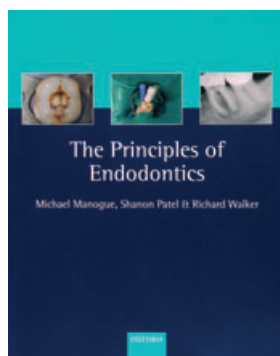


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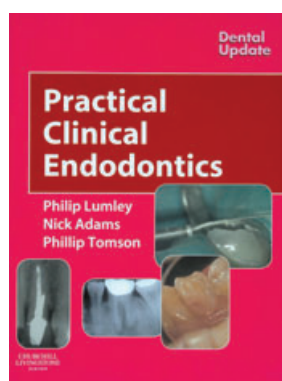


The Principles of Endodontics. Manogue M, Patel S, Walker R. Published by Oxford University Press. 0-19-850999-5, £35.99

In the Preface to this First Edition the authors acknowledge their wide range of experience in clinical dentistry and the stimulating discussions that occurred about the development of the text. There is much evidence of the thought that has gone into the functionality of this book aimed as it is at undergrad-

uate students to help them learn both the 'why?' and the 'how?' of endodontics. The book is divided into three sections; Section A describes the theory of endodontics such as tooth development, diagnosis and treatment planning. Section B discusses the practical aspects of the same topics. The eight chapters in these two sections are linked; that is, the layout is designed so that the reader can deal with the theory of, for example, obturation and then skip to the practical aspects of same, or vice versa. Section C is comprised of question and answer exercises on clinical cases; the emphasis is on the importance of self-assessment. All the usual requirements of an undergraduate textbook are met, it is well illustrated, well indexed and it is a paperback. References have been left out of the main text and grouped together in a separate section; the result is uncluttered, easy-read text. This is a very welcome addition to the field and is destined to be very popular and deservedly so.

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Practical Clinical Endodontics. Lumley Philip, Adams Nick, Thomson Phillip. Published by Churchill Livingstone Elsevier, 2006. ISBN: 0443074828

This is the first edition of a new text aimed at both undergraduate dental students and general dental

practitioners. There are nine chapters, all of which are richly illustrated with colour pictures (reflecting the well-established *Dental Update* style) as well as images of radiographic outcomes from the authors' own clinical cases.

The major changes in equipment and techniques available for the management of pulpal and periradicular disease that have developed in recent years are covered in excellent overview of modern clinical endodontics. No doubt this will become a 'much-thumbed' book in Dental School libraries in the UK and Europe.

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