

Contemporary oral and maxillofacial pathology: 2nd edition

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This book is appropriate for undergraduate dental and dental hygiene students, as well as the practising clinician. The book is organized into 12 chapters and a glossary. The 12 chapters include: (i) developmental disturbances of the oral region, (ii) cysts of the oral regions, (iii) infections of teeth and bone, (iv) bone lesions, (v) odontogenic tumours, (vi) epithelial disorders, (vii) oral infections, (viii) immune-mediated disorders, (ix) connective tissue lesions, (x) salivary gland disorders, (xi) physical and chemical injuries and (xii) diseases of blood. Each chapter is introduced with a brief content outline and a highlight of related terminology. This organization provides a quick reference to the chapter contents.

The text is effectively supplemented with clinical photographs, radiographs, photomicrographs, diagrams and text boxes. Each cyst, condition, syndrome, injury, etc. is described according to the typical clinical features, radiographic features, histopathology, treatment and prognosis for the disease or condition. The explanations are concise in their condensed presentation but provide essential information for the student or practising clinician. When more detailed and comprehensive information is necessary, the student or clinician can seek

additional resources. Additional resources are listed at the end of each chapter and are categorized for easy reference according to each topic that was included in the chapter. The authors note that a lengthier list of additional resources is not provided given the accessibility of the worldwide web as a resource site for obtaining medical literature. Adequate information is provided to assist the student or clinician in the identification of oral conditions, diseases or situations.

The text provides a comprehensive variety of conditions that have manifestations in the oral cavity such that the text would be a valuable resource for the student or clinician. It is well organized and each condition is succinctly described and most are represented in clinical photographs. The text would be a valuable adjunct to the student or clinician's decision-making process when presented with oral injuries and diseases. For a student, an interactive CD-ROM may be a beneficial learning resource. However, I highly recommend this book as it exists.

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