

## BOOK REVIEW

### Endodontics

JJ Ingle and LK Bakland (eds), 5th Edition; ISBN 1-55009-188-3; BC Decker Inc.; 2002; Price £70.99

Fifty-five contributors have written the fifth edition of this text which was first published in 1964. This book is suitable for specialist endodontists, postgraduate students as well as general practitioners with an interest in endodontics. Unlike other endodontic texts, this book reviews both the historical and latest concepts and techniques in 'Endodontology' thoroughly with up-to-date references. Although the histological and clinical illustrations are of good quality and are nicely laid out, most of them are black and white. The compact disc included is useful for searching for specific information by users.

The first chapter gives an interesting overview of the development of endodontology in different parts of the world from very early days to modern time. The epidemiological data on the patient acceptance of endodontic treatment, rate of use of endodontic service and the size of endodontic market were useful. However, most of the data were collected in the USA.

Chapters 2–5 provide a good scientific background of diseases of endodontic origin with references to appropriate literatures.

The detailed descriptions of historical and modern equipments and techniques used in non-surgical and surgical endodontic treatment in Chapters 9–12 are particularly useful for postgraduate students but general practitioners may question the relevance of the information on historical techniques.

I appreciated the new chapter entitled 'Outcome of Endodontic Treatment and Re-treatment' in this edition. However, a comprehensive review of the potential factors affecting the success rate has not been given. The discussions on the outcome of endodontic treatment are mainly based on the results of the Washington study.

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