

BOOK REVIEW

Periodontal Manifestations of Local and Systemic Diseases: Colour Atlas and Text

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This atlas aims to illustrate and evaluate diseases which affect the gingivae and periodontium. The book aims to stimulate interest and further the knowledge of dentists, periodontologists and hygienists in the wide range of diseases that may affect the gingivae and periodontium. Each condition is presented with a definition, aetiology, frequency of involvement of the gingivae and of other sites, clinical features, relevant investigations, differential diagnosis and principles of treatment.

The book begins by describing the basic sciences relating to the normal periodontium and then presents cases under the headings of local diseases and lesions, systemic diseases and cysts, tumours, potentially malignant lesions, neoplasms and fibro-osseous lesions. Each condition is illustrated with photographs. The appendix gives a classification of gingival lesions by signs and symptoms.

The text accompanying each condition is short, clear and concise. The illustrations are excellent and greatly compliment the text. Much of the text is in the form of lists which makes the book useful as a source of quick reference but interested readers may need to refer to textbooks of oral medicine for further details of diseases. Reading lists provided with each chapter are helpful for further reference. The appendix provides lists of gingival lesions by signs and symptoms and is extensive.

In summary this is an excellent book and is to be strongly recommended to all clinicians and students with an interest in diseases affecting the gingivae and periodontium.

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