

Foreword

For over 100 years, dentists have been “shooting x-rays” to enhance their clinical examinations of patients who present with pain or pus or otherwise apparent pathological alterations of dental and/or head and neck osseous structures. Throughout the decades, techniques changed little, and practice-based radiographic equipment remained for the most part unchanged also. “Wet film” developing has persevered as the gold standard, despite its limitations, difficulties, and demands.

This new book—*Pocket Atlas of Dental Radiology*—is a refreshing breath of new air for the dental professions. The book is presented in such a way, and in such a format, that it will be welcomed by students of dentistry and dental hygiene, and by dental assistants who are licensed to take radiographs. Periodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, and perhaps especially dental implantologists will benefit greatly by having this excellent “pocket” reference at hand in the operatory as individual patients’ requirements demand special projections for the elucidation of special problems.

The Pasler/Visser volume provides the most current, state-of-the-art information concerning techniques and equipment for producing images of diagnostic high quality, while limiting to the Nth degree exposure to ionizing radiation, for both the patient and the auxiliary personnel who are tasked with taking the radiographs.

The book is exquisitely organized to make reading or referencing easy for the clinician

who needs a piece of knowledge at a moment’s notice. The format is user-friendly, with text on the left side and illustrations on the right side. No flipping back and forth!

The treatment of the latest advances in digital imaging is excellent and up-to-date. Everyone expects that intraoral digital radiography will be the “thing of the future” in dentistry, and the authors provide useful guidance for those dental practices that are getting ready to move into the digital age. Tips about equipment and training of personnel are well chosen and on-point.

The chapters on radiographic appearances of a myriad of head and neck pathological conditions exceeds what is presented in most traditional textbooks on oral/dental radiology, venturing into the radiology of oral pathology. The authors take a two-pronged approach in this regard: Here is how to perform the procedure clinically, and here is how to evaluate the resultant image. A fresh approach, indeed!

The illustrations and diagrams are well selected to illustrate every point of the text, and are reproduced vividly by the publisher’s highly qualified technicians.

For a new, small book to successfully address the state-of-the-art in oral/facial radiology is a milestone. Clinicians and educators will welcome this contribution by Pasler and Visser.

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