

a patient attending with unusual clinical signs. However, this case clearly illustrates the difficulty of reaching a diagnosis of self-mutilation. It was only after a period of failure to respond to treatment that the possibility of artefactual disease was thought to be likely. From a dental viewpoint, it is important to remember that factitious injuries do not respond to treatment provided, nor do they correspond to any known disease. The clinical presentation is often bizarre, although the distribution is restricted to areas accessible to the patient's hands.⁵

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BookReview

Contemporary Periodontal Surgery: An Illustrated Guide to the Art Behind the Science. By Geoffrey Bateman, Shuva Saha and Iain LC Chapple. London: Quintessence Publishing Co Ltd (204 pp. h/b, £28). ISBN 978-1-85097-123-8.

A Quintessence book dedicated to the art and science of periodontal surgery is a welcome addition to their range of publications. This particular book has its origin in the Department of Periodontology at Birmingham Dental School. In brief, it is well written and superbly illustrated. All the illustrations, including line drawings, radiographs or clinical pictures are easy to follow and adequately complement the text. The book is divided into 11 chapters which covers all aspects of periodontal surgery. The first two chapters discuss case selection and basic surgical principles. Reference is made to the medically compromised patient and how he/she should be handled. Flap design, suturing and healing are well illustrated in the second chapter.

The chapter on the management of gingival overgrowth is fully comprehensive, but could benefit from some illustration showing the final outcome after complete healing.

Chapter 4 is an excellent overview of access flaps. My only criticism of this chapter is the slightly blurred figures (4.10, 11 and 12). I am very impressed with the chapter on regenerative periodontal technique, especially with the illustration of the techniques that can be utilized in this form of surgery.

Some readers may be surprised to see a chapter on periradicular surgery in such a book. It is not out of place and, as with the other chapters, is well illustrated.

Chapter 7 considers resective hard tissue surgery with the focus on furcation defects and their surgical management. This chapter is complete with good outcomes of the procedures undertaken.

The chapter on crown lengthening could benefit from line diagrams to show the techniques, but otherwise the content is very helpful.

The chapter on mucogingival grafting procedures is an excellent balance of theory and practice. The final two chapters consider hard and soft tissue surgery relating to the placement of implants. Again, as with the rest of the book, these chapters are comprehensive and well illustrated.

The overall layout of this book

is also appealing, with each chapter stating aims and outcomes for the readers. The reference list is useful and only includes the particularly relevant papers.

Overall, this is an impressive book, easy to read and follow. It is well laid out and the authors are to be congratulated on producing another valuable contribution to the periodontal literature.

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