



DENTIST ON THE WARD: AN INTRODUCTION TO ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY FOR POSTGRADUATE CORE TRAINEES IN DENTISTRY, 6TH EDITION

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Aimed at recently qualified dentists prior to beginning as core trainees within an oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS) department, this book enables the reader to prepare for work within an OMFS unit. Presented in a number of easily read chapters, it imparts essential information to allow the new trainee to successfully negotiate their way from the ward, to theatre, A&E and ICU environments. Written by OMFS consultants, Andrew Sadler and Leo Cheng, the book gives an accurate account of the work undertaken by this specialty in the UK.

Essential information is simplified within the logically arranged chapters, covering key aspects of the work of the 24 hour specialty that is 'Maxfax'. From guidance for those applying for OMFS posts, to the daily duties of a core trainee, the expectations and responsibilities of a core trainee are clearly outlined. Updated editions of the book annually allow for the most current picture to be presented of the ever evolving specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Within this edition, informative chapters on potentially malignant oral conditions, chemotherapy and radiotherapy have been added. Illustration is used effectively throughout with pictorial sequences to demonstrate examination techniques of, for example, the injured face and procedures such as venepuncture. Concise clinical information is supplemented by good quality images to describe the common OMFS presenting conditions, involving trauma and severe infections, necessary investigations and treatments, as well as administrative elements including record keeping. Useful practical guidance combined with basic OMFS theory allows the reader to familiarise themselves with what will greet them on entering their OMFS unit. 'On call' is universally regarded as the most daunting aspect of an OMFS post and this book succeeds in supporting the reader by offering an insight into what to expect and guidance on the management of emergency situations.

I feel this book will stand the reader in good stead for beginning their OMFS post, providing the basics which can be built on through education from within their own OMFS departments. This book certainly demonstrates the daily challenges a new recruit will experience, but that the clinical skills developed working within an OMFS unit will be invaluable in any subsequent career. It makes clear what is involved in working within an OMFS department, which undoubtedly requires endurance, versatility and an ability to function on only a few hours' sleep! This book is highly recommended to those preparing to embark on their first OMFS post.

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