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Book Review

Clinical Success in Surgical and Orthodontic Treatment of Impacted Teeth

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This book is one of a series (the others being *Impacted Third Molar Extraction*, *Management of Advanced Periodontitis* and *Early Orthodontic Treatment*, the latter reviewed in the September 2006 issue of this Journal). Like its sister publication the present volume is lavishly illustrated with drawings, radiographs, CT scans and clinical photographs, mostly in colour.

There are seven chapters and a very short bibliography. The first chapter covers normal and abnormal dental development. The second chapter on radiographic assessment vividly demonstrates the additional information that can be obtained from a CT scan. Some would disagree with the authors' contention that a lateral cephalometric radiograph should be 'routine' for diagnosis. The third chapter on prevention is focused

upon supernumerary teeth and odontomes followed by some slightly confusing mechanics for space creation/eruptive guidance. The remaining chapters concentrate on the surgical and orthodontic aspects of management of impacted canines. The final chapter is a useful look at the management of impacted mandibular teeth.

Overall the book is an easy read with plenty of illustrations and well laid-out text. The sequence of chapters is logical, and there is very little duplication of information. Both orthodontists and oral surgeons would benefit from scanning the pages. However, my greatest concern is that there are several statements that are contentious and not supported by reference to the literature. As a textbook for postgraduates wishing to know the 'academic' aspects of impacted teeth, this book falls short of the mark. However as a textbook to illustrate the diagnosis and management of impacted teeth, which can be consulted for technical guidance it serves its purpose excellently.

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