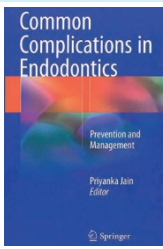


BOOK REVIEW



COMMON COMPLICATIONS IN ENDODONTICS: PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

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This is the first edition of an endodontic textbook that focuses on the complications encountered by clinicians during endodontic treatment. It provides current evidence and guidance on the prevention and management of these complications. The editor Priyanaka Jain, a specialist endodontist, offers her knowledge in the field of endodontics to provide a clear guide to practitioners aiming to provide quality endodontic treatment.

The book consists of a collaboration of international authors who summarise all aspects of the complications that may occur during endodontic treatment and explain how to rectify these errors should they occur. It is rich with quality clinical photographs, radiographs, diagrams and cone beam CT images which help to support and elaborate on the topics discussed. Case studies and abstracts are used and each chapter presents its own topic, with a fluid transition from one chapter to the next. Each chapter is divided into subsections with clear and concise information

presented in a systematic manner, ending with a conclusion to synthesise the information. The book is heavily evidence-based with each chapter ending with a full list of references.

The book is divided into three parts. It begins by looking at accurate diagnosis of endodontic issues and treatment planning as common problems encountered by clinicians in practice stem from misdiagnosis. This section also addresses issues associated with local anaesthesia. The second part of the book contemplates complications of endodontic treatment during the procedure such as access and instrument-related complications, as well as complications due to the root canal filling procedure. The concluding section of the book explores an array of miscellaneous complications associated with endodontic treatment. These include medicaments used during treatment, complications of endodontic surgery and endodontic-periodontal relationship to name a few. Each section elaborates on the management of these complications, leaving the reader with clear evidence-based knowledge that can be used in practice.

In conclusion, this book's clear and systematic approach leads me to believe it suitable and useful to students and clinicians of all levels. The comprehensive review of the diagnosis, prevention and management of endodontic complications, with ample referencing is valuable to students completing exams and clinicians performing and wishing to improve their endodontic treatment outcomes.

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New electronic referral system for dentistry in Wales

Patients in Wales referred for specialist dentistry care will be able to track the status of their referral online, it has been announced. It's part of a new digital dental referral system, funded by the Welsh Government, to be rolled out from this autumn. Benefits include a faster referral process – it is anticipated that this will shorten waiting times for patients.

The new system will replace the current paper-based process used by dentists to send referrals, which can take up to four days to be delivered by post. It will allow dentists to refer patients needing specialist dental treatment, such as oral surgery and orthodontics, using an electronic referral process.

Higher quality information will be used to inform clinical decisions. For example, the new orthodontic referral template will support the referring dentist to calculate the need, timeliness and suitability of patients for orthodontic assessment and treatment.

Radiograph scanners will be offered to dental practices in Wales to ensure high-resolution images are attached to referrals and standardised referral templates will ensure consistent information is provided to NHS specialist services.

Chief Dental Officer at Welsh Government, Dr Colette Bridgman said, 'Once operational, Wales will be the first country in the UK to implement a fully electronic system for dental referrals. We anticipate this will contribute towards realising our vision of accessible specialist dental care for those who need it in the most appropriate setting.'

The service is due to be available across Wales by January 2019.

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The BDA is calling on general dental and specialist practitioners to share their experience of working in a dental practice across the UK.

Your responses will shape the vital work the BDA undertake on your behalf. Your comments will provide them with a unique insight into the pressures facing the workforce in 2018. They also provide the evidence the BDA submit to the Doctors and Dentists Review Body that makes recommendations on dentists' pay.

Share thoughts on your motivation, job satisfaction, morale and well-being as well as your working patterns and hours, future career intentions, and issues you may encounter retaining or recruiting dentists, if this applies to you.

It just takes 10–15 minutes to complete the survey and you could win a £100 voucher or a gift card.

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