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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

Although significant changes have been made in illustrations, style, and format for the first edition, I have endeavored to retain the basic principles, concepts, and practices that historically made this book useful to dental students, faculty, clinicians, and dental laboratory technicians.

I have searched the literature to provide an evidence based approach to improve the clarity and usefulness of the text and keep pace with the current terminology as reported in the eighth edition of the “Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms.”

Optimal management of the edentulous predicament in virtually all its forms is now seen in a broader and more rational context, and there is clearly still a major ongoing role for complete denture therapy. In fact, the cost effectiveness, simplicity, efficacy, and effectiveness of complete denture treatment is virtually universal. Inevitably, the replacement of lost tissues

by complete dentures is a compromise; in spite of modern developments, there remain limitations to this aspect of restorative dentistry and some patients continue to have difficulty in coming to terms with these limitations.

Recently, implant support be it of the fixed or removable variety, has enlarged and enriched the therapeutic scope of a previously limited prosthodontic treatment alternatives.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

There has been an increasing awareness of the tremendous variation that is found in edentulous patients: the variation in quality of the denture-bearing tissues and their response to function, the varying behaviors of the jaw mechanism, the differing patterns of muscle function which act upon the dentures and, finally the varying and often unexpected response of patients to the challenge of wearing complete dentures.

Because of the understandable demands of the patients for good-looking, comfortable and efficient complete dentures, no matter what the problems in the mouth, complete denture prosthetics remains a demanding and challenging aspect of a dentist's clinical life. It is understandable that more than one technique can produce good prosthodontic care. Therefore, the description of more than one technique for certain steps such as impression making have been included. This addition should make the book more flexible and useful. The choice of method to use for any patient will be made by the dentist on

the basis of the individual conditions and the fundamentals involved. On the other hand, as this book is intended primarily for undergraduate students whose time is necessarily limited, many excellent but more complicated techniques have purposely been omitted. Despite this, it is hoped that the book would prove sufficiently comprehensive to guide the operator in the construction of complete dentures for all but the most unusual cases.

It is good to remember that providing good prosthodontic treatment for edentulous patients is difficult, time-consuming, and rewarding, but in addition to all these, it is fun. One would hope that through the material presented in this book, the dental student will become fully cognizant that an edentulous patient is a sensitive human being who requires and deserves the most thorough, competent and professional dental treatment.

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