

Book Review:

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Review of Three Prosthodontics Books:

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Abstract:

We present review of three prosthodontics titles including "Removable Partial Dentures", "Fixed Partial Dentures" and "Complete Dentures" all authored by Dr. Lovely M, Associate Professor & Head of Department of Prosthodontics at the Sri Mookambika Institute of Dental Sciences, Tamil Nadu, India. In the review of each title, aspects making the titles useful have been highlighted as well as critical constructive appraisal has been made for consideration in future editions of these titles.

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Review of Removable partial Dentures.

Author: Lovely M. Pages 340. ISBN 81-8061-577-4. Published by Jitendar P. Vij Of Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd, EMCA House, 23/23B Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi 110 002 (India). www.jaypeesbrothers.com

Reviewed by: Amna Mansur, Fazal Ghani

This book, authored by Lovely M, Associate Professor & Head of Department of Prosthodontics at the Sri Mookambika Institute of Dental Sciences, Tamil Nadu, India, is the first of the three book series available in the market since 2005. The objective of this book has been to make undergraduate students prepare for exams adequately and to better reproduce it. This objective is well reflected in the foreword written by Dr. George Paulose.

The book comprises of Essays, Short notes and an Updated Index at the end. It comprehensively covers the subject matter of removable partial dentures. The material is logically divided into diagnosis and planning, clinical procedures and laboratory procedures. The question and answer format makes the book easy to understand the basic principles of removable partial denture. The language of the book is simple yet does not compromise on effectively conveying the content. Topics like principles of RPD designs, components of RPD, mouth preparations, surveyors, jaw relations, laboratory procedures, failures of RPD, obturators and post-insertion protocols have been explicitly discussed and explained.

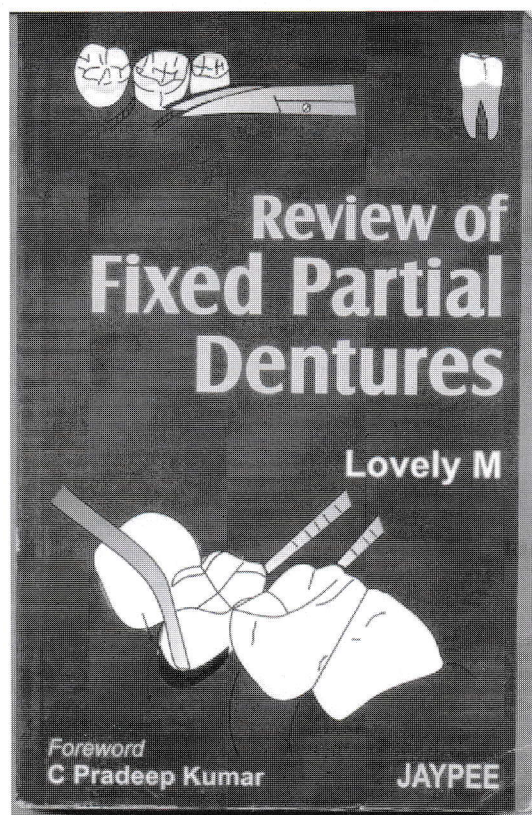
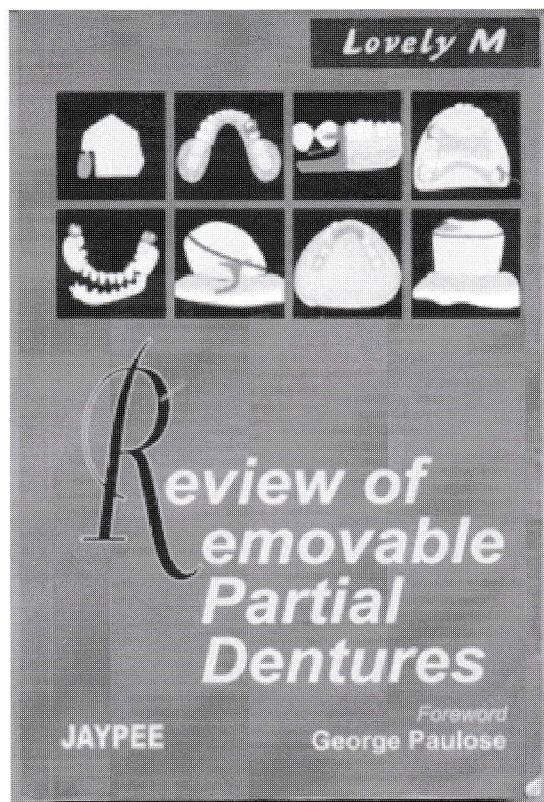
A major concern regarding the book is that it lacks in adequate diagrams and references. Adding these would have created an immediate visual impact and better capture of the concepts. Use of references in the end of every topic would have helped establish the authenticity of the information shared. Use of tables for discussing comparisons between different

Kennedy designs at page 82 will make it more appealing and easier to memorize. Addition of clinical scenarios to explain different concepts will help in improving clinical assessment skills of the students and will make them aware of the clinical implication of the knowledge shared related to removable partial dentures.

Despite the mentioned shortcomings, it is an excellent book for those who want to improve and test their knowledge about removable partial dentures.

Review of Fixed Partial Dentures. Author: Lovely M. Pages 316. ISBN 81-8061-781-5. Published by Jitendar P. Vij of Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd, EMCA House, 23/23B Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi 110 002 (India), 2006. www.jaypeesbrothers.com

Reviewed By: Nadia Zafar. Fazal Ghani



This book entitled: "Review of Fixed Partial Dentures" is available in India since 2006. This first edition is authored by lovely M, Associate Professor and Head of Prosthodontics Department, Sri Mookambika Institute of Dental Sciences, Tamil Nadu, India.

The book consists of two sections including "Essays" and "Short Notes" along with an index. Most of the

topics discussed in essay section are repeated again in short notes. The author discusses almost all aspects of fixed partial dentures beginning from Diagnosis and Treatment Planning up to the laboratory procedures for fixed partial dentures (FPDs).

The book gives a brief account of important topics related to FPDs including; Case selection, Abutment selection. Methods of gingival retraction, Classification of FPDs, Components of FPDs, Materials used for FPD fabrication, Tooth preparations, Finish lines, Provisional restorations, Luting agents, Adhesive bridges, Lab procedures, Ceramics and Dental alloys.

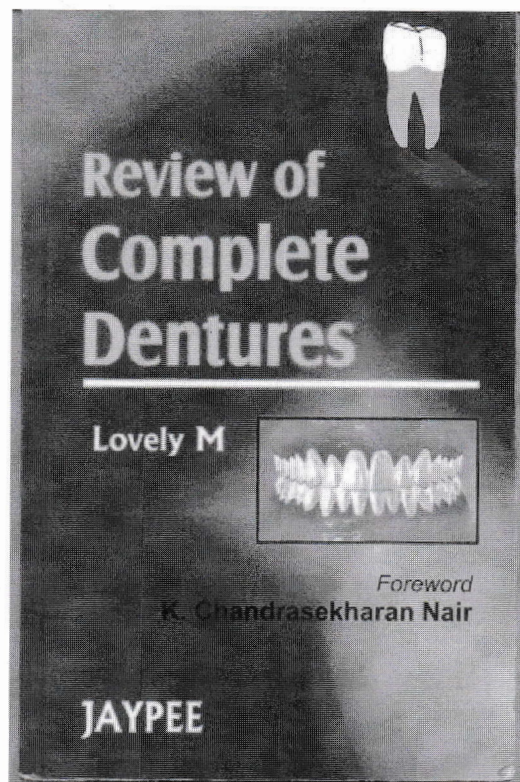
The question and answer format is much easier to understand. However, the lack of references and proper illustrations are obvious omissions of this content. Although, diagrams are included for some procedures but they are not sufficient and self-descriptive. Such as the illustrations for Chamfer and Shoulder Finish-lines on page 49 and 50 are not very clear and look alike. Similarly, on page 53 there is a misprint, as indications for sub-gingival margins are given under the heading of supra-gingival margins.

This book no doubt will prove a useful aid for undergraduate students if used along with the standard textbooks. As the topics are presented in the form of headings and sub-headings so the reader may find it easy to capture the content. From examination point of view this can prove as a useful resource to quick revision of the syllabus.

Overall this is an easy book to understand provided that the reader has the basic knowledge from standard textbooks.

Review of Complete Dentures. Author: Lovely M. Pages 285. ISBN 81-8061-415-8. Published by Jitendar P. Vij of Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd, EMCA House, 23/23B Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi 110 002 (India), 2005. www.jaypeesbrothers.com

Reviewed By: Huma Hayat, Fazal Ghani



This book available since 2005 aims to present revision text related to the basic knowledge of complete dentures. It is divided into two major sections including "Essays" and "Short Notes". The essays are in the form of questions for which well-organized and explicit and thorough answers are given. All the answers are formatted into distinct headings and subheadings. For knowledge acquisition and learning facilitation. The "Short notes" includes most of the "Common Questions" asked during examination in the subject. This book helps in retaining what information one will have learnt for writing good answers.

A strength of the book is that it takes a systematic route throughout. Starting with history, diagnosis and treatment planning for edentulous patients requiring treatment with complete dentures, the author moves to anatomical structures and landmarks, in maxillary and mandibular arches of relevance to complete

denture, support, retention and stability. Impression techniques, their merits and demerits are then discussed. It then reviews retention, stability, support and the factors affecting these. Methods of registering the vertical dimension, use of face-bow, centric jaw relation records have been explained explicitly. Tooth selection, occlusion and arrangement of artificial teeth on record bases are then nicely explained. The topics related to immediate dentures, Over-dentures and post-insertion complaints and follow-up care are the chapter following after.

As with this book, there are few areas that could be improved on in the next edition. In order to engage the reader again and again, it is suggested that art illustrations and pictures of clinical and technical procedures and steps be included in the forthcoming edition of the book. Also modern aspects of complete dentures have not been covered such as implant-supported and retained removable over-dentures and implant-supported fixed complete bridges. Alongside, post-insertion complications and their diagnosis and rectification lack the kind of attention they deserve.

As this book is basically a preparatory guide aimed for undergraduates dental examination, some clinical case scenarios for self-assessment if included would make the title very useful in this regard.

In conclusion, it is a book that offers a reader-friendly format may require several readings to understand the descriptions and explanations. It is highly recommended to undergraduate clinical dental students. For postgraduate students, it will also prove useful as quick update of the basic concepts and clinical and technical procedures.