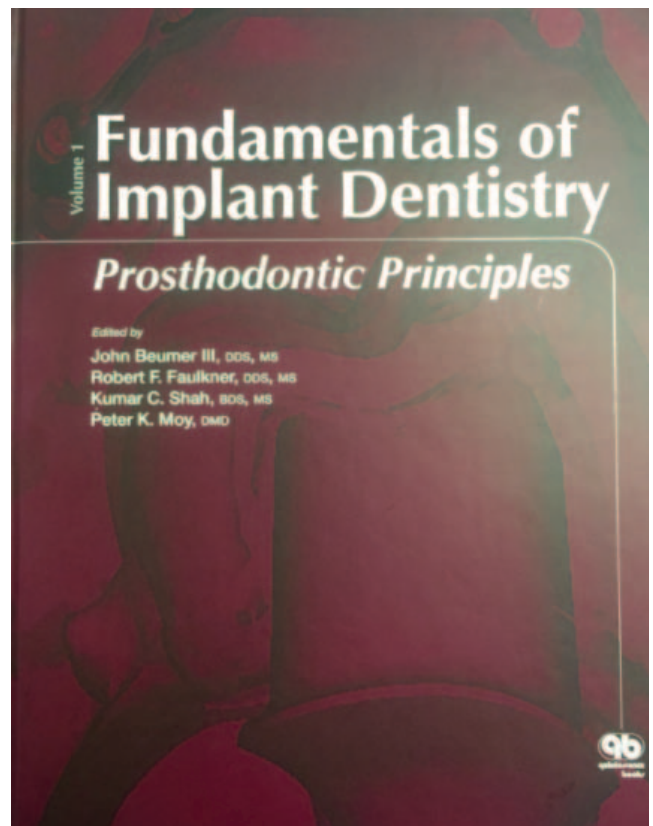


Fundamentals of Implant Dentistry: Prosthodontic Principles. Beumer J III, Faulkner RF, Shah KC, Moy PK. Hanover Park, Ill: Quintessence Publishing, 2015.

Fundamentals of Implant Dentistry: Prosthodontic Principles supports the concept that implant dentistry is a prosthetic discipline with a surgical component. This text is a recommended addition to the library of any dentist who is providing dental implant therapy. There are 4 sections to the text: I. Introduction and Biologic Basis; II. Restoration of Edentulous Patients; III. Restoration of Partially Edentulous Patients; and IV. Special Topics.

Section I begins with the history and biologic basis for osseointegration, which provides the readers with an understanding of why successful implant surgical procedures are necessary for successful prosthetic treatments. Section II provides detailed instructions for restoration of the edentulous maxillae and mandible with either removable overdentures or fixed prostheses. Multiple photographs, including those of various prosthetic designs and attachments, support the well-written text. Section III provides the information needed for restoration of the partially edentulous patient. Two chapters in this section are dedicated to single- and multiple-tooth defects in the frequently difficult to treat esthetic zone. These chapters cover not only fixed restorations, but implant-supported removable prostheses as well. Implant selection criteria and position are explained in detail. Section IV covers special implant-related topics, including: (i) implants in conjunction with partial dentures; (ii) implants for growing children; (iii) implants in irradiated tissues; and (iv) implants for orthodontics. Each of these topics provides the reader with information that adds value to the progressive dental implant practice.

I encourage all clinicians who provide dental implant therapy to include this text in their implant libraries. Those who perform surgical placement of implants will have a greater understanding and appreciation for the restorative needs of the patient. Similarly, the restorative dentist will have an excellent



text for confirming existing knowledge while being exposed to new concepts.

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