A new book has now been added to the reference literature on dental surgery, namely "Contemporary Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery", written by well-known OMS educators, James R. Hupp, Edward Ellis III and Myron R. Tucker, who present the readers with the best means of evaluation, diagnosis and treatment in head, neck and orofacial infections.

The book comprises 31 chapters, divided in 8 parts, accompanied by several appendices and an index. Part I, "Principles of Surgery", presents the pre-operative health status evaluation, prevention and management of medical emergencies, principles of surgery, wound repair, infection control in surgical practice, pain and anxiety control in surgical practice.

Part II, instrumentation for basic oral surgery, shows principles of routine and more complex exodontia, management of impacted teeth, post-extraction patient management and medicolegal consideration are brought together in "Principles of Exodontia".

Part III, "Preprosthetic and Implant Surgery", describes pre-prosthetic surgery, basic concepts and techniques, advanced concepts and complex cases in implant treatment.

Part IV, "Infections", addresses odontogenic infections, principles of endodontic surgery, patient undergoing radiotherapy or chemotherapy, odontogenic diseases of the maxillary sinus and salivary gland disorders.


Soft tissue and dentoalveolar injuries and management of facial fractures are presented in Part VI, "Oral and Maxillofacial Trauma".

Part VII, "Dentofacial Deformities", highlights correction of dentofacial deformities, facial cosmetic surgery, patients with orofacial clefts and defects of the jaws.

Facial neuropathology and temporomandibular disorders are described in Part VIII.

The appendices include examples of operative notes, administration schedule of drugs, useful prescriptions, consent for extractions and anesthesia and antibiotics.

The book is clearly edited and is accompanied by drawings and full colored photography to make the concepts presented easy to understand.

The 7th edition of the book "Contemporary Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery" represents a comprehensive text for understanding the most advanced procedures and technologies that help to treat patients with head, neck and orofacial area pathologies. The book is the best guide in training dentistry and dental hygiene students and improving dental postgraduates, general practitioners and OMF surgery.