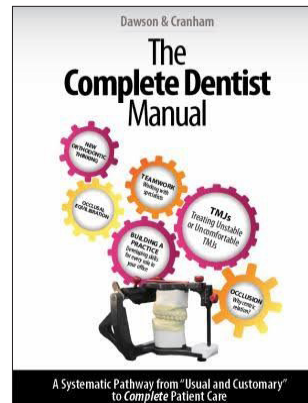


The Complete Dentist Manual

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During my career, I first had the opportunity to get in touch and attentively study a book entitled "Evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of occlusal problems" and then coordinate my work in accordance with "TMJ Functional Occlusion at Smile Design" by Peter E. Dawson. Recently, thanks to the well-known and tireless Dr. Peter E. Dawson, I received the most recent of his publications. The Complete Dental Manual presents the essential experience of Dr. Peter E. Dawson, DDS and John C. Cranham, DDS, as well as the work done for thousands of patients at the Dawson Academy for Advanced Dental Study.

The book contains 43 chapters, a guide from "Usual and Customary" to "Complete Patient Care," which uses objective criteria for comprehensive examinations, comprehensive patient care, and patient management. Each chapter is clearly presented and suggestively illustrated by numerous high-quality images.

The first chapters describe the concept of Complete Dentist as a system physician and how to measure success with objective criteria.

Following the presentation of the 10 common criteria that we have to respect in achieving a successful occlusion treatment that assures good oral health, the book presents the most important concept for understanding occlusion: the central relationship.

The concept of a centric relation is clearly defined, as well as how to make precise recording by manipulating the bimanual procedure correctly required to mount the model in the articulator. TMJ stability is determined by the adjusted centric posture. TMJ assessment is a condition that must be ensured for each patient in the occlusal examination. TMD treatment can not be provided without a complete understanding of all TMJ problems, unstable or uncomfortable to achieve occlusal harmony. The book also describes the criteria for the successful restoration of anterior guidance. To be able to develop of a good treatment plan, it is necessary to use the Dawson Diagnostic Wizard for orthodontics, surgery, or periodontics.

Quality control management for treatment planning for oral health assurance requires 3 stages: Determination, Communication, Verification. The practitioner may be called a Complete Dentist only if he assesses orofacial pain, vertebral dimension of occlusion (VDO), neutral zone, occlusal plane and uses diagnostic imaging methods (CT, CBCT, MR) at each examination. The complete dentistry involving combined restorative and orthodontic treatment, we must attach particular importance to occlusion (bite). The general practitioner is required to become a collaborator of the orthodontist. The concept of rehabilitation through removable partial dental prostheses and dental implants is also tackled along with the interdisciplinary team coordination criteria (restorative dentist, periodontist, orthodontist, maxillofacial surgeon).

Finally, the way how Complete Dentists can attract and retain new patients by exemplifying different protocols is presented.

"The Complete Dentist Manual" is a plea from the usual to tooth repair to becoming a masticatory physician, according to the Dawson Philosophy of Clinical Research.

The book is a permanent guide to quality practice, which should not be missing from the library of any responsible dentist.

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