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# Preface

This book is designed to serve as a primary source for the identification of diseases and conditions of the mouth and jaws. Dentists and physicians can readily access a wide spectrum of entities with brief, essential text accompanying representative clinical photographs and radiographs. Oral mucosal diseases, salivary gland disorders, and odontogenic diseases are included, as well as general medical conditions reflected or manifested in the mouth. A therapeutics section outlines practical treatment approaches to many oral diseases within the format of a prescribing formula to guide the clinician.

Although the text and illustrations are not fully comprehensive, we have included typical examples of each entity. A text style has been adopted that allows the reader to quickly ascertain the essence of the disease or condition without scanning through sentence prose. We feel the initial encounter of the clinician with the patient is best served by a synoptic clinical approach. With that in mind, we have intentionally not included histopathologic illustrations. It is understood by all clinicians that photomicrographs and detailed histopathology are often the underpinning of fully understanding the disease process, with a more thorough investigation by the reader accomplished by accessing reference texts and original literature sources. A basic list of references is suggested at the conclusion of this guide.

Following the identification of the disease or condition (by way of reviewing the photographs and accompanying text material) and the establishment of a rational and logical differential diagnosis, the clinician can access the therapeutics section. Treatment for selected diseases is streamlined and, in many cases, is presented in the form of the written prescription.

We and the publishers feel that the clinical, presentation-directed chapter design and format will best assist the clinician since the patient's presentation provides the first clue to the diagnostic process. We have endeavored to provide a useful, accurate, and

practical text that will be efficient and time saving for the dermatologist, otolaryngologist, and oral clinician, including the general dentist and dental specialist.

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