BOOK REVIEWS: 1) EDENTAȚIA TOTALĂ, NOȚIUNI CLINICE [COMPLETE EDENTATION, CLINICAL CONCEPTS] AND 2) TERAPIA PROTETICĂ A EDENTAȚIEI TOTALE [PROSTHETIC THERAPY OF COMPLETE EDENTATION] – BY MARIANA CONSTANTINIUC

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Two books that complement each other in a necessary and harmonious way, focused on the study of one of the most depressing pathologies of the functions of dental-jaw apparatus: complete edentation.

Therefore, not by coincidence, since the dawn of dental medical science, the condition of complete edentation has been a test and a challenge for the specialists and school founders in the field of prosthetic treatment of these pathologies.

The author has taken a valuable contributory role, writing for students and consultants a pragmatic, useful and enlightening book on the morpho-functional, clinical and therapeutic conditions of complete edentulous patients.

In the first book there is a selective presentation of the most important morpho-functional elements of the edentulous prosthetic field: complete denture supporting tissues, essential for their stability (support area, functional peripheral areas of the support), as well as the biodynamics of dentures. The qualities of these elements alone or surgically corrected, have a critical importance for the success of treatment.

In the second book, the author has selected and combined elements pertaining to the patient, with the most appropriate techniques and materials used today and which depend on the ability of physicians, precisely to the same purpose. The author presents clinical and laboratory phases of the prosthetic treatment of complete edentulous patients, in a successive order and logic, using a teaching, accessible and flowing language and style. This language allows the reader to get an accurate assessment of the emblematic size granted on each stage of the treatment, which is a proof of the author's teaching experience and practice.

The flowing teaching style with refreshing returns at the end of chapters, facilitate keeping in mind the most important therapeutic procedures.

The diversified and selective bibliographical list of special literature harmoniously complements the works, addressed to those interested in the study or therapeutic practice in complete edentation.

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