

Wade SD, Sawicki CM, Smiley MK, Cuddy MA, Vukas S, and Schwartz PJ. *Anesthesia for Dental and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery*. Wiley-Blackwell; 2024. 352 pages. ISBN: 978-1-394-16491-2. E-Book \$120, Print \$150.

I recently received my highly anticipated copy of *Anesthesia for Dental and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery* to review. This book not only fills a significant gap in the dental anesthesiology literature but also served as an excellent review for my oral board examination. A comprehensive textbook specific to dental anesthesiology has long been missing, until now. Dr Spencer Wade (editor-in-chief) and his team of multidisciplinary authors have curated an excellent resource that covers the entire scope of dental anesthesiology topics, ranging from cranial anatomy to anesthetic management for orthognathic surgery. One of the most notable strengths of this book is that it is concise. Its bullet-point format and accompanying illustrations allow for efficient review of essential information.

While *Anesthesia for Dental and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery* serves as both a study resource and a perioperative reference, it particularly shines as an examination preparation tool. Having recently navigated through the oral board examination process, this reference will likely be particularly useful for residents and newly graduated dentist anesthesiologists preparing for

examinations or board certification. I still find myself frequently turning to this text for a quick review of specific topics while practicing as a dentist anesthesiologist.

Despite its quality, the book isn't without its limitations. It is not intended to serve as a comprehensive textbook and instead utilizes a streamlined format designed to promote efficient review. For a more in-depth exploration of most topics, residents early in their training would be well advised to consult more detailed texts before turning to this book for review. As a first edition, there are some minor errors which are to be expected. I eagerly await future editions as I anticipate this book will continue to improve and will quickly become a mainstay in our field.

Overall, I found *Anesthesia for Dental and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery* to be a highly effective review tool and a valuable quick reference. It will likely become a must-have reference text for dental anesthesiology residents and a handy resource for any dentist anesthesiologist who wants to stay updated on dental anesthesiology-related topics. If you are looking for a quick, easy way to review the core concepts of the specialty, look no further.

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