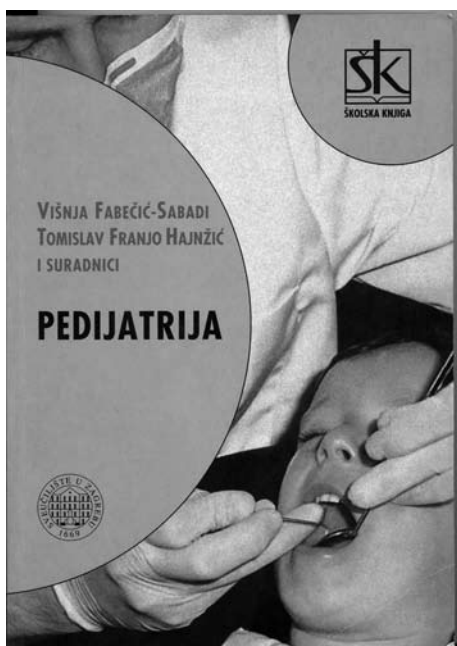


## ON NOTABLE BOOKS IN OUR HISTORY



In 1999, physicians from our Clinical Department of Pediatrics prepared the textbook entitled *Pedijatrija za studente stomatologije* (Pediatrics for Dental Medicine Students) as the first textbook for dental medicine students written by the lecturers and physicians from our Hospital. The editors and authors were Professor Višnja Fabečić-Sabadi and Professor Tomislav Franjo Hajnžić. Their coworkers and authors of specific chapters were our pediatricians, who presented the material in pediatrics through twenty-six chapters, offering adequate knowledge in this field to the students while not burdening them with the stuff that they cannot and will not use. As emphasized by Professor Fabečić-Sabadi, dental medicine students then had only 30 periods in Pediatrics (lectures and exercises

15 periods each), thus the textbook prepared by Professor Duško Mardešić intended for medical students, although excellent, proved too extensive (1000 pages) for dental medicine students. The chapters relevant for dental medicine students were now presented in more detail and more extensively, i.e. those on oral cavity diseases and on all the conditions that can cause problems in dental medicine practice, such as bleeding, allergic diseases, shock, seizures, bacterial endocarditis, and diabetes. Therapeutic procedures, exact drug doses, and other information were provided.

It should be noted that the authors considered the book could also prove useful as a handbook to all those physicians dealing with pediatric patients, besides pediatricians including also school medicine physicians, general practitioners, and others.

The long-standing teaching activity at our Clinical Department of Pediatrics started in 1964 for medical students until 1968, to be continued from 1971 for dental medicine students, when the Department and the whole Hospital were appointed a teaching unit of the School of Dental Medicine. Many physicians served their residency and passed specialist exams, while others received education in school medicine. Nursing College was established at the Hospital as early as 1956.

In 1981, Professor Vlado Oberiter, the then head of the Clinical Department of Pediatrics, was appointed Professor of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine and Department a teaching unit for medical students. This long-standing teaching activity provided practical fundamentals for writing a textbook for dental medicine students, which could also serve as a valuable handbook for all the physicians engaged in pediatrics as an important field of medicine.

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