

## BOOK REVIEW



### TEMPOROMANDIBULAR DISORDERS – MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

#### Temporomandibularni poremećaji

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A new reference book edited by Melita Valentić-Peruzović and Vjekoslav Jerolimov was published at the end of December 2007. The book has 13 chapters and the contributors are distinguished members of the

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The topics covered by the authors include teamwork and multidisciplinary approach, timely detection and careful selection of diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive procedures. Current practice reveals that temporomandibular disorders are covered by several medical fields, i.e. dentistry, ENT, neurology, radiology and other disciplines. This is enough to conclude that there is no clear understanding of this medical condition. Namely, findings and experience relevant for this condition are “scattered” across the above mentioned and some other medical fields, and there is still inadequate awareness of the necessity of communication among specialists and subspecialists, clinicians and scientists working in relevant fields. Consequently, there is no routine cooperation that would be performed in a sustained manner and meet growing demands.

The book represents an important contribution to dental science and clinical practice, and will play a major role in better understanding of the etiopathogenesis, diagnosis, therapy and prevention of temporomandibular disorders by placing special emphasis on the multidisciplinary approach to this problem field. This book will undoubtedly be well received by a wide spectrum of dental and medical professionals, to the benefit of the growing number of patients suffering from temporomandibular disorders.

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