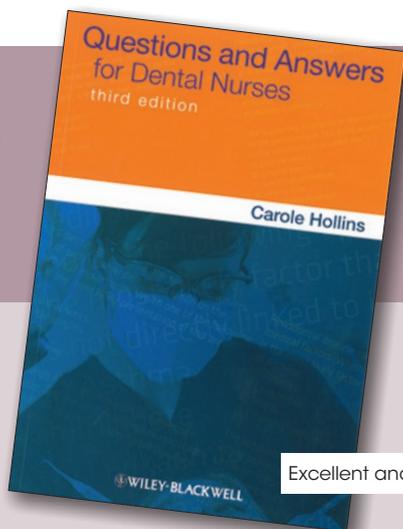


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TITLE: Questions and answers for dental nurses, 3rd edition
AUTHOR: C. Hollins
PUBLISHER: Wiley-Blackwell
PRICE: £17.99
ISBN: 9780470670903



Excellent and helpful

As a trainee dental nurse working towards my National Examining Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN) National Diploma, this book is an excellent and helpful tool for revision purposes. However, it could also be used by others in the dental team for extending their knowledge.

It is written by Carole Hollins, a dental practitioner who has involvement in dental nurse training and NEBDN, and who is their current chairman; she has also been heavily involved in the development of the new National Diploma.

This is the third edition, and has been written to accommodate changes to the qualification. A new curriculum has been produced to keep in line with the GDC's expected level of knowledge for dental nurses; it incorporates all aspects of the old syllabus but is set out in four sections: Clinical, Professionalism, Communication and Management and Leadership. Changes to the format of the diploma have also been implemented; entry to the examination still depends on completing the Record of Experience portfolio, then once this is completed you undertake a written paper followed by a practical examination, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs).

The new written paper consists of two types of questions, 1 of 5 single best multiple choice questions (MCQs) and extended matching questions (EMQs). This book is specially laid out in this format; it has 14 chapters covering the whole national curriculum containing topics such as oral anatomy and physiology, legal and ethical issues, pre and post-operative advice and medical emergencies. Each chapter contains MCQs and EMQs on each topic first, and then answers at the end of the chapter. The great advantage to the book is when given the answers for the MCQs there is

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a simple explanation as to why it is the single best answer and why the other four are incorrect.

This book should be used by students once subjects are learnt using their textbooks and lecture notes; this will then test their knowledge and understanding. This book is a must-have for trainee dental nurses; my peers and I working towards our National Diploma have found it extremely informative and an invaluable revision aid.

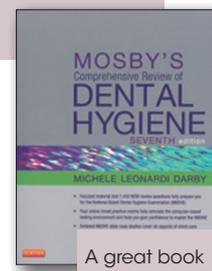
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TITLE: Mosby's comprehensive review of dental hygiene, 7th edition
AUTHOR: M. L. Darby
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ISBN: 9780323079631



A great book

When this book arrived my first observation was that it is written to help students pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE), the American dental hygiene examination. Due to this fact I was very interested to see if it would be useful for the UK hygienist.

The book follows a logical sequence, comprehensive as the title states, and is written in an easy to follow format. It begins with histology, anatomy and physiology, moving on to dental anatomy, then pathology, pharmacology and last but not least periodontics, dental hygiene, oral health promotion and instrumentation. Leaving it in the staffroom at work I quite often found a member of staff reading a section that interested them (or just looking at the pictures); it is a book you can dip in and out of. It is well illustrated in colour with many pictures and diagrams that are clearly labelled. At the end of each chapter there is test section and the answers can be found on the Evolve website. We spent many a lunchtime testing each other; it was a great refresher of knowledge.

There is a scratch off panel on the inside cover of the book allowing you to register on the Evolve website. It is easy to register your details but it took me some time to understand how to navigate the site to find the area I needed for the study aids. It was worth my patience as I found this area fantastic. There are diagrams to label, flashcards, mock tests, case studies and study aids. You can take as long as you like with these 'tests' and leave them part completed allowing you to return at your convenience to complete them. There is a timer function so you can take a simulated exam, of which there are four on the site.

In conclusion I thought it was a great book which I enjoyed reading in any free time I had. Sometimes I would try to answer the questions at the end of a chapter first and then research any areas I felt my knowledge required refreshing.

The book is 'hefty' so not one to carry around with you, but great to refresh or help students or qualified hygienists increase/improve their knowledge.

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