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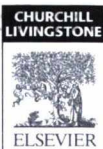
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Preface

It is now 20 years since the first edition of *Essentials* was published and 7 years since the first edition of this slimmed down, condensed version for Dental Nurses and other Dental Care Professionals, so I felt that the time was right for the injection of new ideas and to bring on board a co-author. I am delighted that my friend and colleague for many years, Nicholas Drage, accepted both the offer and the challenge.

Together we have gone through, revised and updated every chapter. Now that Cone Beam CT is established as the imaging modality of choice in certain clinical situations, this section has been expanded and numerous new examples of advanced imaging have been added. We have also replaced some of the conventional images with new and better examples.

A major change has been the establishment of a website linked to the book. This has allowed us the opportunity to remove from the book the detailed UK legislative details (only relevant to UK Dentists and Dental Care Professionals). We can now update this information as and when necessary and readers from outside the UK are spared unnecessary and irrelevant details. More importantly the linked website has given us the opportunity to include on-line self-assessment

questions based on each chapter. We hope this innovation will provide a useful additional teaching and learning resource for Dental Care Professionals.

The aims and objectives of this book remain the same, namely to provide a basic and practical account of what we consider to be the essential subject matter of both dental radiography and radiology required by Dental Care Professionals. As in previous editions some things have inevitably had to be omitted, or sometimes, over-simplified. It therefore remains first and foremost a teaching manual, rather than a comprehensive reference book. We hope the content remains sufficiently broad, detailed and up-to-date to satisfy the requirements of most post-qualification examinations.

We hope that the result is a clear, logical and easily understandable text, that continues to make a positive contribution to the challenging task facing Dental Care Professionals as they embark on broadening their skills to include dental radiography.

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