Treating the Dental Patient with a Developmental Disorder

Provides a basic understanding of patients with developmental and intellectual disorders and offers help in communicating with and treating these patients.

The book opens with an overview of the major types of developmental disabilities—autism spectrum disorders, Down Syndrome, attention deficit, cerebral palsy—and others such as spina bifida and learning difficulties. Following chapters also discuss how to gather personal information, medical histories, dental experiences, and oral habits; determine family dynamics; and understand how to communicate with patients and model desired patient behavior. The authors also cover aspects of the dental exam and hygiene appointment, and restorative treatment, both in the office and hospital setting. A review of follow-up care and the long-term impact on the practice, the patient, and the families when caring for these patients is covered.

Treating the Dental Patient with a Developmental Disorder is a must-have book for practicing and student pediatric dentists, general dentists, and dental hygienists whose patients include families with developmentally or intellectually disabled members.