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Some additional material has been added to this presentation.

It is hoped that the dental hygienist, whether in practice or in training, will find this book of real value.

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Preface

We hope that this book will provide a source of information to fill a serious void in the training of dental hygienists. In addition, we hope that dental hygienists will find this an accurate and usable reference when they finish their schooling and begin to practice.

Parts I and II deal with broad generalizations concerning pharmacology and the application of this field to the therapy of oral disease. Within these sections are relatively brief introductory expositions of pharmacologic principles and the pharmacotherapeutics of drug groups and individual drug substances of particular importance in the treatment of oral lesions.

Part III is concerned almost entirely with

the treatment of specific oral and dental diseases.

The reader's attention is called especially to Part IV, the Epitome section, which appears on tinted paper. It is our belief that this section will prove to be a valuable and unique supplement to the text, for it offers:

- A unification of therapeutic information which is basically applicable to many areas of the text
- 2. A means of avoiding the reading of repetitious details
- 3. A simple, practical, and easily found reference for obtaining the more common and necessary information about certain drugs and drug groups and their applications to oral disease.

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