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### **The Oral Systemic Connection: A Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Clinical**

**Companion for the Healthcare Provider** is refreshingly practical, well-written, and with up-to-date references. Healthcare providers, Dr. Gwen Cohen Brown (Dentistry) and Aida L. Egues (Nursing) are well-suited to emphasize the need for an interdisciplinary approach. In Chapter 9, Oral Manifestations of Systemic Diseases, the need and challenges regarding an interdisciplinary approach in the diagnosis and treatment of oral diseases and how underlying systemic diseases affect the oral cavity are fully discussed. The clinical and radiographic illustrations are excellent. The systemic diseases are common, e.g., diabetes, anemia, hyperparathyroidism, Crohn disease, and thus, likely encountered in clinical practice. The amount of information on anyone of those diseases is overwhelming. Yet, the organized approach into headings of Etiology, Clinical, Age/Sex/Race, and Treatment enables the student in training as well as the healthcare provider to focus on the essential core issues. Dentistry has traditionally and paradoxically taught oral diseases in a vacuum with diminished emphasis on underlying systemic diseases. This book is a welcome departure from that tradition and thus a much needed respite. Chapters in Geriatrics and Oral Health, Pediatric Oral Health, and Oral Health in Pregnancy not only focus on oral health problems unique to these groups but also represent vulnerable groups in ethics and law. Ethics is not often mentioned in oral pathology textbooks. However, attention was given to fully informed voluntary consent. In the geriatric population for example that

remains a genuine challenge, whereby a signature alone without the patient's understanding, does not constitute adequate consent. Lastly, it was quite surprising to see a section on Art History (Art History) but its inclusion was an enjoyable read.