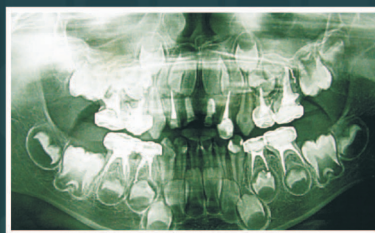


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## FOREWORD

I am glad to write a foreword for “The Text Book of Pediatric Dentistry” authored by Prof. S.G. Damle. The 4th Edition of this book is the outcome of hard work and collective effort by the author and eminent academicians in the field of dentistry across India. I have no hesitation in stating that the merit and popularity of previous three editions of this textbook was evident from the fact that its utility and practicability has been acclaimed and approved by the clinicians and students. With rapid advancements and innovations in various fields of science and technology, dental science too has undergone rapid transformation. Adhering to the principle of keeping abreast with latest knowledge and research in dentistry, especially pediatric dentistry, the author has rightly decided to introduce the Fourth Edition. The Book contains 55 chapters covering all aspects of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry. The special mention of the chapters on **Child Psychology & Management, Cariology, Traumatology, Oral Habits, Growth & Development, Fluorides, Probiotics, Remineralisation, Stem Cells & Genetics, as well as Recent Advances** in Pediatric Dentistry are special feature of this book. While surfing through the book I have realized that the contributors and author have successfully identified the most complex and intricate details of each topics, duly synthesizing and blending the latest developments and advancements. I have no doubt that dental students would benefit immensely as the topics have been covered with consistent lucidity with graspable clarity and continuity in a simplified language.

Once again I congratulate Prof. S.G. Damle for this marvelous academic venture, which is another addition to his long list of achievements.

(Dr. Dibyendu Mazumder)

# PREFACE

Normally every Specialty is phenomenally influenced by innovative techniques and research novelties and Dentistry cannot be exception to it. Hence it is but natural that the old edition of every book whatsoever may be successful becomes obsolete with the passage of time. Taking into consideration this aspect as well as inspiration and motivation by my well-wishers and friends I attempted to revise its 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. A number of issues and features of this book involuntarily warranting and needing revolutionary changes have been appropriately incorporated to make the text effective, attractive and useful. The ultimate aim of revision of this book is to render it user-friendly. Though the earlier edition was adequately equipped yet numerous illustrations and diagrams suiting to the procedural need of talent and potential have been included to highlight the significance of the content. The display and demonstration is crystal clear for easy access and reference.

Launching of New Edition of a Text Book cannot be achieved without the collective contribution in regard to meticulous review of the manuscript to keep pace with the latest advancements as well as innovative novelties. This book is for aspiring Pediatric Dentists who are keen to make the best use of their knowledge for the betterment of mankind. The contributors have exerted with full devotion and dedication in compiling the rarest information relevant to the subject. In reality they have excelled in exploring the things to the ultimate.

I am indebted to the contributors for their engrossment and deeper involvement. In their attempt to make the book an academic venture, they have strived very hard and their contribution is amazing and without their unified support and patronization this edition could not have been possible.



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