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**Title:** Dental practice management  
**Author:** Glenys Bridges  
**Publisher:** Stephen Hancocks Ltd  
**Price:** £27.50  
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**Title:** Nursing & Health: Dental Nursing Survival Guide  
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**A**s this was my first medical textbook review I was quite excited and at first glance the book looks like all you need for quick reference. A handy pocket size with wipe-clean pages, just the ticket! However, the print is quite small even for my bespectacled eyes.

The concept is a great idea and it must have been difficult to know at what point to draw the line. Too much information and you’ve got yourself a bulky textbook; too little and you haven’t included enough important facts. It definitely contains the day to day fundamentals but I felt some topics could have been expanded a little more which would have provided a lot more information yet still small enough to go in the pocket of most dental tunics.

A mention should be given to the diagrams. Because the book is quite small some of the labelling gets lost and may cause a bit of confusion, especially if you are trying to take a crafty glimpse!

As with so many other aspects of life, medicine continues to march on and as I write this the techniques for basic life support are being reviewed. The author does indeed state that it is wise to use up to date guidelines but it might have been better to have left out a medical emergencies section completely and perhaps devoted those pages to another topic or as I mentioned earlier, expanded.

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**‘I have implemented techniques and systems learnt from this book in my practices’**

I would recommend this book to all forward thinking practice managers and those currently studying for the BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Dental Practice Management; if this book had been published when I was studying for the Cert DPM it would have been invaluable. Overall 10 out of 10!

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**‘My Achilles’ heel has always been eruption dates so I shall certainly keep those pages open!’**

Steph Horner  
Dental Nurse/Decon Lead

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The chapter on ongoing team development was inspirational and a subject I have great enthusiasm for. I have implemented techniques and systems learnt from this book in my practices, in particular a training matrix that links in with CPD and CQC requirements.

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