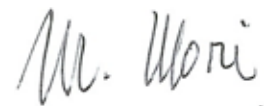


Odontogenic and maxillofacial bone disorders are important in clinical practice which need more evidence-based care because they do not only compromise oral functions such as chewing and speech, rather, they also cause psychological impacts to many patients. My several visits to China allowed me to see the broad scope and top quality of our specialty in the beautiful land, especially in Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial - Head & Neck Oncology as a flagship in China. Led by Dr. Chen-ping Zhang, an esteemed surgeon and a good friend of mine, this department performs more than 10,000 operations per year, of which 1,500 are free flaps, in addition to hosting several international conferences in this field. When I was Chairman of the International Congress of Oral Cancer (ICOOC) in Gifu, Japan in September 1995, I met Prof. Weiliu Qiu and Dr. Chenping Zhang. From then on, we often meet in different international meetings worldwide. I deeply felt it is necessary to summarize the new concepts and techniques for odontogenic and maxillofacial bone disorders, not only representing China, but also the whole community of the world. With the rapid progress of the cutting-edge concepts and the multi-disciplinary techniques in this field, we need a new book with new ideas, new concepts and new thoughts.

Odontogenic and Maxillofacial Bone Disorders was launched in the end of 2017, and led by Dr. Chenping Zhang and his colleagues in China, perhaps the best team for multi-disciplinary treatment in this field, performing a remarkable task in compiling this book. In most cases, generalists and specialists should work as a team to provide patients with an excellent and comprehensive care including evaluation, diagnosis, surgical treatment and post-surgical care. Therefore, this book begins with an overview of the anatomy, histology, biology, classifications, and imaging and pathological examinations of odontogenic and maxillofacial bone disorders. Then, different types of odontogenic and maxillofacial bone disorders were elaborated according to the WHO classifications, with the following 7 components: (I) definition, The International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O) code, and synonym; (II) epidemiology and etiology; (III) clinical features; (IV) imaging findings; (V) histopathology; (VI) genetic profile (predictive factors); and (VII) treatment and prognosis. The purpose of this book is to share the authors' experience in odontogenic and maxillofacial bone disorders, with the aim of providing cutting-edge knowledge for the clinical personnel and researchers in this field. This book has been designed for use in various programs, especially for oral & maxillofacial surgery and/or head & neck surgery specialty trainings, and also as a basic reference for doctors and researchers in all the related fields.

I am deeply impressed by my talented Chinese colleagues for undertaking this important and challenging book with enthusiasm and excellency. I would like to express my sincere professional appreciation and personal gratitude to the team who worked tirelessly to bring this book to you.

I wish you, the reader, all the best in your life and career, making a difference in treatment and rehabilitation of patients with odontogenic and maxillofacial bone disorders.



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