Antimicrobial Prescribing for General Dental Practitioners - book review

Antimicrobial prescribing can be a hazy subject, but a new book released by the FGDP(UK), Antimicrobial Prescribing for General Dental Practitioners, aims to help de-fog this imprecise topic.

Throughout the book, authors general dental practitioners Dr Palmer, senior clinical lecturer Dr Longman, senior medicines information pharmacist Ms Randall, and Dr Pankhurst, a specialist in oral microbiology, all aim to improve the standards of patient care by providing a clear and systematic evidence-based set of guidelines. The purpose of the book is undeniably to provide a clear and concise guide that is split into 13 diverse subject areas concerning antimicrobial prescribing in primary care.

In the first section, Pre该项 Writing, with the authors discuss simple guidelines regarding how to fill out a prescription; from general advice on which pens to use, quickly and effectively, authors have managed to develop a distinctive portal where they can advise dentists on the importance of antimicrobials and how they can be a valuable tool in the treatment of infections.

However, even though the individual chapters are presented in a clear and straightforward manner, this style of writing can come across as a little abrupt and combined with the lack of photographs, illustrations or patient case studies has resulted in Antimicrobial Prescribing for General Dental Practitioners occasionally becoming a little too text heavy.

In Chapter 2 and 3 the authors discuss simple guidelines concerning over prescription, to further illustrate this contentious issue. The chapter explains where the use of antimicrobial prescribing would be unwise, which is a practical addition.

The authors then focus on up this section and go on to discuss the contentious issue of administrating antimicrobials to prevent infection. In this section Antimicrobial Prescribing for General Dental Practitioners highlights the difficult ethical and medicolegal issues, affirming it is not always easy to identify over usage. It might have been assigned to have added a specific section at this venture, concentrating on when necessary and the right dosage.

Although as being an essential reference tool, Mr Ladwa stated: “This is a very timely book. I was at a talk this morning on the non-surgical treatment of periodontal disease, where the speaker talked about the over-prescription and misuse of antimicrobials. As a profession we need to ensure that antimicrobials are only prescribed when necessary and in the right dosage.”

The authors have also touched on this section and go on to describe the contentious issue of antimicrobial prescribing for non-surgical cases, where the speaker talked about the over-prescription and misuse of antimicrobials. As a profession we need to ensure that antimicrobials are only prescribed when necessary and in the right dosage.

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The authors have reviewed all of the available data and guidance, and consulted widely with professional bodies and specialist groups to provide a consensus on best clinical practice. The guidance gives clear, simple and practical advice on when to prescribe, what to prescribe, for how long and in what dose.

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