

BOOK REVIEW

CONCISE TEXTBOOK OF PHYSIOLOGY FOR DENTAL STUDENTS

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The prime mover of the present book was the author's intension to provide a book on human physiology for the first year dental (BDS) students, as the title of the book indicates. Apparently, there is no physiology book which caters to the specific needs of the first year BDS students in view of the syllabus laid down by the Dental Council of India. To this effect, the present book attempts to give a comprehensive coverage of very base-line physiological information in a manner which students will probably retain at least for a short period of time. For a given topic, the author has provided very basic coverage of physiology along with comprehensive figures, schemes, and tables and an occasional tinge of

applied aspects. This approach works in examination and evaluation system prevalent in India. As a result, this book will be considered useful by a subset of students, especially for the purpose of examination. The author may, however, try to improve upon the figures and introduce more numbers of tables in a future edition. These improvements may help to justify the present price of the book. Although publication of such a book serves no boon to physiological sciences, students may find this book helpful for examination. It is however improper to term such a book as a *concise textbook*. The author may also consider to rename the book in a future edition.

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