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Care of Head and Neck Cancer Patients for Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists 1st Edition

"Care of Head and Neck Cancer Patients for Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists, 1st Edition," authored by T. Dianne De La Torre and published by Jones & Bartlett Learning, is an essential resource for dental professionals seeking to enhance their competency in the specialized care of patients undergoing treatment for head and neck cancers. This comprehensive guide addresses the unique challenges and considerations faced by dental hygienists and dental therapists in managing the oral health of these patients, who often experience complications such as xerostomia, mucositis, and altered taste due to their treatments. With a focus on evidence-based practices, this book equips practitioners with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide effective preventative and therapeutic care tailored to the needs of this vulnerable population. Throughout its chapters, the book delves into a range of topics, including the pathophysiology of head and neck cancers, the impact of various treatment modalities, and the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration. Additionally, it offers practical strategies for oral health assessments, management of oral complications, and patient education, empowering dental hygienists and therapists to make informed decisions that positively influence the quality of life of their patients. Featuring up-to-date research and case studies, "Care of Head and Neck Cancer Patients for Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists" serves as a critical reference for both current practitioners and students in the field. The ISBN for this invaluable text is 9781284228123, making it easily accessible for those committed to advancing their expertise in cancer care within dental settings.