Handbook Of Local Anesthesia, 6e
A practical, “how-to” guide to safe anesthesia practices in dentistry, Handbook of Local Anesthesia, 6th Edition covers all the latest advances in science, instrumentation, and pain control techniques. From basic concepts to specific injection techniques, from dosage charts to the proper care and handling of equipment, this book provides in-depth, full-color coverage of key anesthesia topics, including specific hazards and errors in technique that may result in complications. Written by Dr. Stanley Malamed, dentistry’s leading expert on this subject, Handbook of Local Anesthesia is a valuable reference that will help you prevent, recognize, and manage complications of local anesthesia administration. Videos on an available companion DVD (sold separately) are narrated by Dr. Stanley Malamed, covering topics such as local anesthetic agents, anesthetic injection techniques, potential complications, and risk management. Full-color photographs and line drawings are included throughout the book. In-depth discussions cover the anesthetic agents used in dentistry, along with their clinical actions. Routes of administration are described for all anesthetics. The proper care and handling of equipment is addressed, along with the problems that may be encountered. Requirements for pain control and local anesthesia within various dental specialties are included. Comprehensive information on Articaine is included, a local anesthetic that is gaining widespread use in the United States. Numerous boxes and tables provide a quick reference and comparison of techniques, drugs, and dosages. Dosage charts, injection techniques, information on duration of action, and contraindications for local anesthetics are included at the end of the book for quick reference. Updated discussions of the armamentarium needed to succeed in local anesthesia delivery reflect the latest available drugs and devices. Updated discussions of the techniques needed to provide successful pain control. Updated step-by-step procedures cover the techniques for administering intraoral anesthesia. The latest advances in science, technology, and pain control techniques are covered.

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I think this is one of the books that every dentist should have. It's dry. I find reading this book to be duller than pulling teeth. However, this covers a lot of the very basic information that I feel every dentist should know before an injection. Personally, I hate this book with a passion, as my instructor (a hygienist) forced us to memorize various parts of the texts instead of understanding the anatomical foundation of the various nerve blocks. While I don't think that she knew as much as she claimed. The various contraindications, considerations with weight, and especially pediatric max dosages are very useful to know. Additionally, knowledge of the relative half-life of each anesthetic is a very useful thing to give to patients. This book would be incomplete without a copy of Netter's Anatomy. If you have a skull, it's even better. There are some areas where I think that Malamed is wrong, or at least gives incomplete information:

1. Pt's can DEFINITELY FEEL THE DIFFERENCE IN NEEDLE SIZE particularly in an IA block! I've observed many different clinicians, specialists, and given quite a few injections. Pt's can feel the injection. That being said, his choice of a thicker needle is definitely validated by the reduced tendency of the needle to break (of course, I'd question why you'd break a needle while delivering an injection as a dentist. It's supposed to be gentle).

2. The entry of the inferior alveolar nerve is dictated by skeletal landmarks, not just dental.

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