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The second edition of this well-known text is very welcome. Edited by four respected clinicians from both sides of the Atlantic and with over 80 contributors from around the globe, it remains a tour de force in the subject but without the frightening size to alarm those looking in for the first time.

The content has been updated in the traditional topics such as trauma, dentoalveolar surgery, deformity and malignancy. It also expands into areas of cosmesis, understanding and management of infections and the ever-expanding complexities of facial functional and aesthetic reconstruction.

The authors have addressed previous criticisms by increasing the number of operative photographs, many of which are in colour. However, the clarity of the line drawings reflects the educational background of the senior author who recognises the need for translating sometimes confusing real-life images.

I enjoy the updated 'further reading' lists but in the existing text there is sufficient information to inform royally and guide both the trainee and experienced surgeon. I thoroughly recommend this text to anyone who has an interest in all things surgical allied to the oral and maxillofacial specialities.