

Conclusion

In presenting this ATLAS it has been the authors' intent to emphasize the fundamental principles involved with each procedure described. Needless to say, there could be a number of accurate standardized techniques for each type of dental treatment. Any technique designed to produce consistently accurate results must be based on sound, time-tested fundamentals.

In order to accept the intended philosophy of this ATLAS, each dentist, as well as each undergraduate student, must routinely make a conscientious critical analysis of any error he encounters. Neither materials nor techniques alone can be considered responsible for failure of a procedure. The operator must develop the ability to recognize the requirements and limitations of both. It is prudent for the dentist to master one proven standardized technique before introducing variations in attempting further improvement.

The history of dentistry has reflected continued progress. It is our hope that every operator who studies this ATLAS will be stimulated to make a conscientious effort to improve the quality of his dental health treatment.