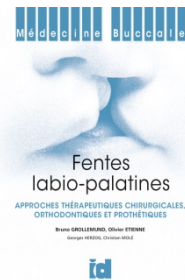




Fentes labio-palatines

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Abstract :

The treatment of patients with clefts at birth has improved greatly in recent years. From an anatomical, functional and aesthetic point of view, the results obtained are significant and provide the child, then the adult, with a normalized social life.

This book presents the different aspects of the treatment of cleft lip and palate, from birth to adulthood. It is essentially a general outline in which practitioners with recognized clinical experience have participated. Because of the multiplicity of forms encountered, it is impossible to present a simple standardized description or classification, or even a standardized treatment plan. On the contrary, it seems important to describe the successive steps of the treatment, in order to be aware of the importance of the experience of these patients. A global vision of this long term treatment allows to enrich the clinical experience of each practitioner. To this end, the

iconography of this book has been designed to be didactic: the complete course of many cases, from the youngest age to adulthood, is illustrated in order to understand the objectives sought, the long-term treatment plan and the results obtained.

This book can be read in one sitting or chapter by chapter. The authors' wish is to arouse the interest of practitioners wishing to become involved with these patients by enabling them to approach the treatment of these patients with more serenity.