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- Thorough explanations of how to read dental literature help readers understand how to draw their own conclusions from the latest studies.
- Coverage presents a number of complex problems facing practitioners today regarding access to dental care, and discusses how to solve them by working with public authorities and insurers.
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- Detailed content on providing dental care to the American public presents a unique opportunity to learn the system of dental care delivery.
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- Ethical guidelines provide a discussion of how ethical principles have evolved over time and the precipitating events that pushed ethical practice into the forefront of health care.
- Information on the development of dental professions gives readers insight

into how these professions originated and their current state.

- Content addresses evidence-based dentistry, and how it can and should become part of the everyday clinical life of the practitioner, since staying current is vital to providing excellent patient care.
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