



The Legends of Implant Dentistry with the History of Transplantology and Implantology. Leonard I. Linkow. 320 pp., illustrated, indexed. Delhi, India: Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers; 2009. \$95.00.

Occasionally a new book about oral implantology, presenting material never before published, attacks with total accuracy. This is the case with **The Legends of Implant Dentistry with the History of Transplantology and Implantology**. It is the finest book on the history of dental implants published to date, and will probably remain so for a long period of time.,

The author, Dr. Leonard I. Linkow, is considered by many of his colleagues as the “Father of Oral Implantology.” In 1992 New York University College of Dentistry created the first and only endowed chair in implantology in perpetuity with Dr. Linkow as the recipient.

Part I includes a comprehensive account of the history of implant dentistry and transplantology starting in 2000 BC. The progress of prosthodontic replacement of missing teeth and the improvements in dental materials over time are covered in detail. The first modern dental implants are reviewed, along with the pioneers responsible for their development. Major books and articles on dental implants are listed in the extensive bibliography. Twelve historical paintings of oral surgical procedures are included.

Part II (The Pioneers) and Part III (The Innovators) contain biographies of prominent dentists and laboratory technicians who significantly contributed to dental implantology, and are responsible for the major advances that occurred over time. The biographical parts (pages 259 to 320) contain 126 individual biographies and photographs.

Dr. Linkow explains that the reason he went so far back in time to compile the bibliography is it was those pioneers who helped pave the way that brought us to where oral implantology is today. Dr. Linkow stresses that implantology did not begin with the “newly--founded” commercial root form implant companies or academia. Implantology evolved over many decades from those brave pioneers who had the dreams, beliefs, drive, and courage to take harsh and continual criticism from their skeptical peers.

The book is dedicated to Dr. Linkow’s daughter Robin. The Forward was prepared by Dr. Carl Misch and the Preface by Dr. Dennis Tarnow.

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