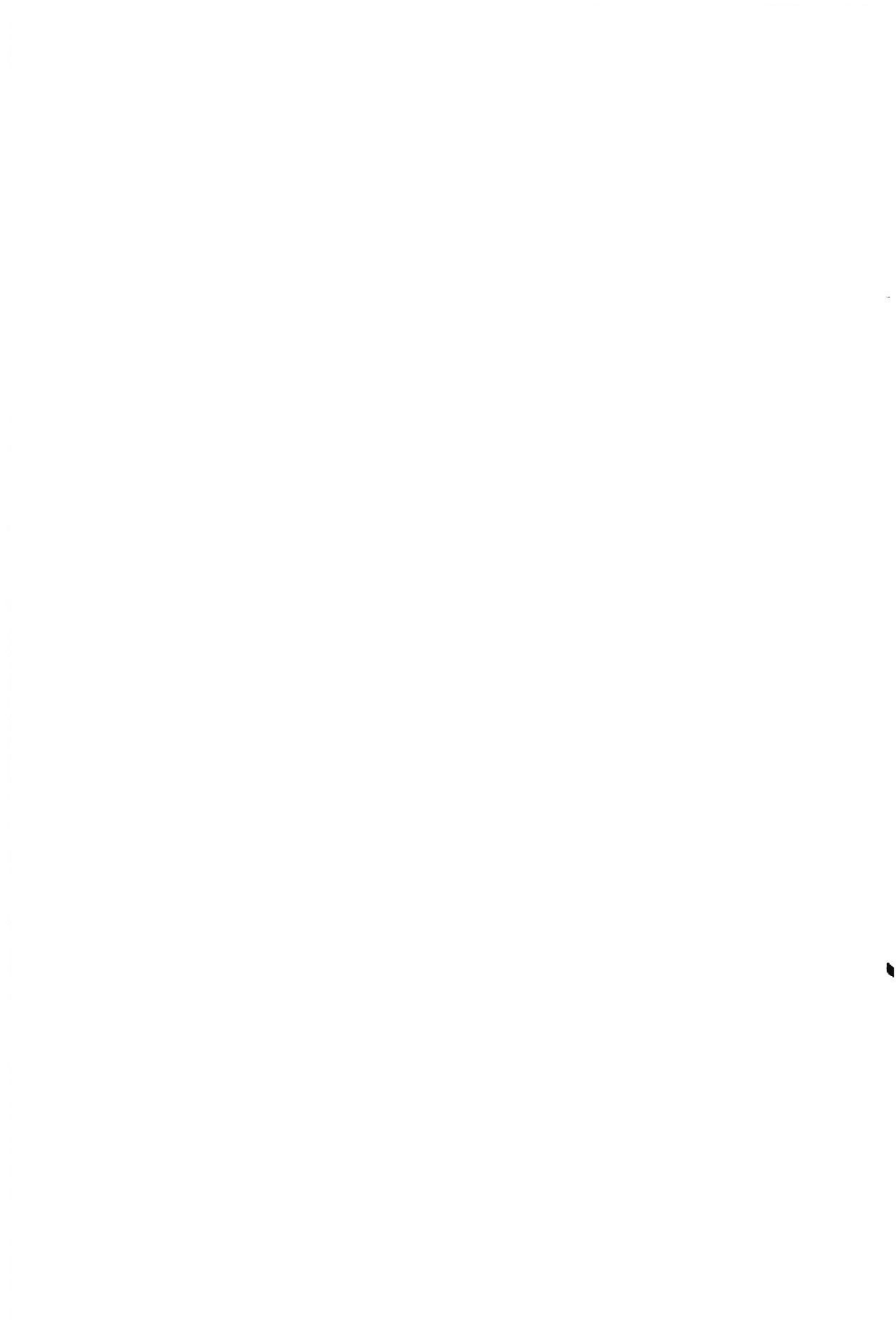




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Preface

This manual has been written for the undergraduate students in the College of Dentistry, King Saud University. It has been in use in the Division of Oral Diagnosis clinical teaching for several years. During this period, it has undergone several amendments to accommodate changes were found necessary.

The main objective of this manual is to prepare the undergraduate student dentist for all aspects of patient interviewing, examination and evaluation in regard to early diagnosis of dental diseases, and to develop a good dentist patient rapport.

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I hope this manual will be found helpful by all Oral Diagnosis educators.

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Introduction

The instructional responsibility of the discipline of oral diagnosis is preparing the dental student to formulate diagnostic and treatment planning decisions. The dental educator is challenged to develop the elementary diagnostic skills for the student's early clinical activities. On the other hand, the student is overwhelmed by the extensive body of knowledge that must be integrated and applied to evaluate each patient's general and oral health status and to plan appropriate treatment.

Several subjects contribute to dental diagnostic decisions such as oral pathology and internal medicine. Students need an introductory correlation of this information as it relates to the clinical diagnostic process.

An "oral diagnosis" clinic instruction manual is an attempt to serve this purpose. This manual is not meant to substitute for the lectures, it is only a supplementary text.

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