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## **P**REFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

The purpose of this book is to assist both the dental student and dentist to understand and apply sound prosthodontic principles and practices for patients who are treated with complete dentures. It will serve as an invaluable aid to them to communicate more freely with the dental laboratory technician and to exchange ideas with great clarity and precision.

The book will also provide already skilled dental laboratory technicians with a reliable and organized source of material to which then can refer in order to refresh or advance their techniques.

It is hoped that, through education, a mutual respect will grow between the dentist and the dental technician as each learns to respect the other's special talents. The understanding would lead to a more relaxed and therefore a more productive atmosphere in which to work-a climate that would benefit both parties in their efforts to better serve their ultimate charge: the patient.

We owe an enormous debt to our teachers and colleagues in the Department of Prosthetic Dental Sciences for their support, help and suggestion of some valuable ideas.

We are also indebted to our wonderful wives, Mrs. Karima Shahin and Mrs. Nadwa Shabib for their unfailing support and continuous encouragement. The effort of the College photographers Mr. Ponciano Padilla and Mr. Jericho Samson whose work is reproduced in this text is highly appreciated. Our thanks also go to Mr. Romeo Fortifae for his meticulous work and assistance in performing some of the laboratory procedures included in this book. We would like to express our deep gratitude to our secretaries, Ms. Liza Grace G. Dawal, Ms. Mel Espiritu-Agapito and Ms. Ehlott E. Syfu for their care in preparing and organizing the manuscript and patience throughout this difficult task with all its many alterations and revisions.

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## **P**REFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

This book is not intended to replace conventional prosthodontic texts, but to supplement them. We have attempted to present a selection of methods and techniques involved in the construction of complete dentures, which are meant to serve as an introduction to the subject. Their application should not be an empty mechanical exercise, but must be based on an understanding of the fundamental principles involved. We hope that the descriptions and illustrations will prove useful to students, dentists, dental assistants as an aid for improving existing skills and adding new ones.

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