

A TREATISE ON FLUOROSIS – REVISED 2ND EDITION 2003

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Although the first edition of this book was published only three years ago, the demand for it was so great that a new edition is already necessary. Having devoted most of her long professional career to research on understanding and combating the many maladies caused by fluoride, Dr Susheela has produced more than a “treatise” on fluorosis. This is also a veritable handbook and guide for all levels of health care workers who need to know how to recognize, diagnose, and deal with the various forms and degrees of fluorosis as they relate to dental, skeletal, and a host of soft-tissue manifestations.

Expanded from the first edition of 119 double-spaced pages (see review by H C Moolenburgh in *Fluoride* 2001;34:181-3), this revised 2nd edition has 137 pages, single-spaced, with the addition of an appendix containing sections on analyzing fluoride in serum, urine, and water, questionnaire and record forms for conducting house-to-house epidemiological surveys of fluorosis, a list of abbreviations, and a glossary. It also has a subject index and a new chapter on practical techniques for removing fluoride from groundwater used for drinking and cooking. Many valuable additions have been made to the existing chapters, along with excellent new color photographs. As in the first edition, the writing is clear and direct, making this a very user-helpful book.

When further printings or editions are required, an expanded list of references and correction of misprints such as polyurea (for polyuria) should be kept in mind.

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