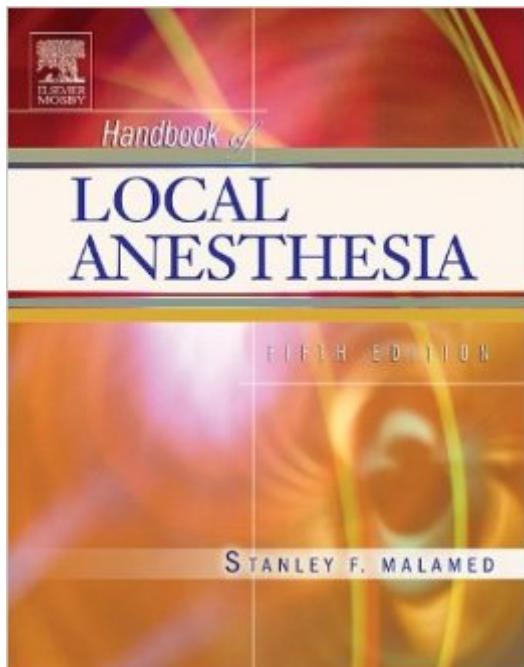


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# Handbook Of Local Anesthesia, 5e



## Synopsis

Offering comprehensive coverage of a wide range of topics, this practical "how to" manual explores and teaches methods that enhance good local anesthesia practices, while alerting readers to specific hazards and errors in technique that may result in complications. Basic concepts for the safe and effective practice of local anesthesia in dentistry today are emphasized, along with the most current advances in science, technology, and pain control techniques. Basic concepts for the safe and effective practice of local anesthesia in dentistry are emphasized. Recent advances in science, technology, and pain control techniques are presented. Clear instructions for administering local anesthetics are accompanied by high-quality photographs and drawings to enhance the reader's understanding. Numerous boxes and tables are presented throughout to provide a quick reference and comparison of techniques, drugs, and dosages. In-depth discussions are provided on the anesthetic agents used in dentistry, along with their clinical actions. Dosage charts, injection techniques, information on duration of action, and contraindications for local anesthetics are included at the end of the book for quick reference. Step-by-step procedures and instructions for administering local anesthetics are provided. The proper care and handling of equipment are thoroughly covered, along with the problems that may be encountered. Information is provided on the requirements for pain control and local anesthesia within various dental specialties that require particular attention. Coverage includes electronic dental anesthesia and ultrasonics, as alternatives to the injection of drugs. A chapter on Legal Considerations mentions foreseeable complications related to the administration of local anesthetics and discusses the standard of care with regard to appropriate prevention and treatment. An all-new, full-color design includes vibrant illustrations and drawings. Comprehensive information is provided on Articaine, a highly debated local anesthetic recently approved by the FDA, that is gaining widespread use in the United States. Discussions of the armamentarium needed to succeed in local anesthesia delivery have been updated to reflect the latest available drugs and devices. Updated instructions for administering the various techniques of intraoral anesthesia are presented in consistent, step-by-step procedures. The New 2003 CDC Hand Hygiene Guidelines are provided to keep readers up to date on the latest standards of practice.

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## Customer Reviews

I think this is one of the books that every dentist should have. It's dry. I find reading this book to be duller than pulling teeth. However, this covers a lot of the very basic information that I feel every dentist should know before an injection. Personally, I hate this book with a passion, as my instructor (a hygienist) forced us to memorize various parts of the texts instead of understanding the anatomical foundation of the various nerve blocks. While I don't think that she knew as much as she claimed. The various contraindications, considerations with weight, and especially pediatric max dosages are very useful to know. Additionally, knowledge of the relative half-life of each anesthetic is a very useful thing to give to patients. This book would be incomplete without a copy of Netter's Anatomy. If you have a skull, it's even better. There are some areas where I think that Malamed is wrong, or at least gives incomplete information:

1. Pt's can DEFINITELY FEEL THE DIFFERENCE IN NEEDLE SIZE particularly in an IA block! I've observed many different clinicians, specialists, and given quite a few injections. Pt's can feel the injection. That being said, his choice of a thicker needle is definitely validated by the reduced tendency of the needle to break (of course, I'd question why you'd break a needle while delivering an injection as a dentist. It's supposed to be gentle).
2. The entry of the inferior alveolar nerve is dictated by skeletal landmarks, not just dental.

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