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PREFACE

This is an anatomical atlas focusing on the mandible—a first of its kind. The fine osteological and radiological anatomy involved in dental and oral surgery has progressed greatly in recent years, especially in the field of dental implants. In dental implant surgery, the maxilla and mandible are the operative fields. The frequent complications of dental implants on the maxilla are bleeding and iatrogenic maxillary sinusitis, but these are less likely to be life threatening injuries. However, dental implant surgery of the mandible can lead to serious complications such as mental nerve paresthesia and airway obstruction due to hematoma. Thus, knowledge of anatomical structures relevant to the mandible is significant.

In this theme, a number of atlases on the anatomy of the oral cavity, head and neck, and oral and maxillofacial regions have been published. However, when the dentist needs a comprehensive photographic review of the anatomy focusing on the mandible, including its welldescribed anatomy and rarely shown variations with both gross and radiological observations, there are only limited resources that are useful for surgery.

Therefore, our book is devoted to the osteological and radiological anatomy of the mandible for dentists, oral surgeons, and related researchers and health care providers. We believe that this book will satisfy the growing demand in this field of surgery, research and education.

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Chapter 1

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