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- 2) review article; and
- 3) case report.

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### Book:

Paiva JG, Antoniazzi JH. *Endodontia: bases para a pratica clinica*. 2.ed. São Paulo: Artes Medicas; 1988.

### Book chapter:

Basbaum AI, Jessel TM, The perception of pain. In: Kandel ER, Schwartz JH, Jessel TM. *Principles of neural science*. New York: McGraw Hill; 2000. p. 472-91.

### Dissertations and Theses:

Polido WD. The evaluation of bone alterations around dental implants during the osseointegration period by direct digital radiography [thesis]. Porto Alegre (RS): School of Dentistry, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul; 1997.

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Area: 281,748.5 km

Weather: subtropical

Inhabitant: gaúcho

Population: 10,726,063

Capital: Porto Alegre

## **Porto Alegre**

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