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This is the third volume of a series of forensic pathology reviews that have been published in rapid succession within 1 year. The concept of providing up-to-date comprehensive and practically oriented reviews of important issues of forensic pathology has been maintained. Volume 3 contains the following chapters:

- A thorough review of the medico-legal investigation of bodies found in water including victim identification, evaluation of post-mortem submersion time, determination of the cause and manner of death and in-depth analysis of the pathophysiology of drowning
- HIV-1 infection of the central nervous system in the forensic pathological setting
- Phenomenology and pathological features of fatalities in a head-down position
- Forensic bitemark analysis
- Early post-mortem changes and artifacts
- Microscopical findings on soil-embedded skeletal remains allowing the exclusion of a forensically relevant lay time
- Pathological features and medico-legal significance of arrhythmogenic ventricular dysplasia
- Post-mortem diagnosis of death in anaphylaxis
- Gross, microscopical and genetic findings in the medico-legal evaluation of fatal pulmonary thromboembolism
- Analysis of trends of suicide in the USA during the twentieth century
- An overview of murder-suicide
- The various forms of iatrogenic injury and the role of the forensic pathologist
- The use of radiology in medico-legal investigations

Like the two previous volumes, most chapters in this volume represent high-quality, cutting-edge reviews written by well-known researchers in their scientific fields. Therefore, the high quality standard set by the two precursors is maintained by this third volume. The reader may only wonder why a chapter, for example, on forensic radiology is quite short (less than 20 pages), considering the wealth of information and conflicting expert opinions present in this field.

In conclusion, the forensic pathology reviews series promises to be a very useful and up-to-date source complementing the classic textbooks in forensic pathology.