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The *Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine* is a four-volume set covering a wide range of disciplines and specialities in the field of forensic and legal medicine. It contains more than 290 articles written by internationally renowned professionals.

The topics are arranged in an alphabetical order, and the key fields are clearly laid out. The chapters are fully up-to-date, and the contents are presented in a textbook manner. Each chapter provides information enabling specific "Further reading" as well as useful links to related topics. Several chapters deal with topics highly relevant to the current situation such as "Accreditation", "Computer crime and digital evidence", "Internet", "Ritualistic crime", "Terrorism" and "Torture".

The encyclopedia contains extremely useful details regarding practical forensic casework. For instance, the chapter "Children" describes the various stages of development and growth of children in great depth as well as

topics such as emotional, physical and sexual abuse of children, causes of sudden natural infant and childhood death and non-inflicted causes of death. Furthermore, the encyclopedia gives a representative overview about medical malpractice in different medical fields, which is helpful for the writing of expert witness reports.

The encyclopedia effectively links different but related specialities such as forensic toxicology, forensic psychology and psychiatry, forensic anthropology, forensic botany and forensic science. It connects forensic medical and the corresponding legal aspects. The text is accompanied by high-quality, full-colour and well-explained images, illustrations, diagrams and tables. The encyclopedia can be recommended as *the* major reference source for forensic and legal medicine not only to forensic pathologists but also to medical practitioners, scientists, students, judges and lawyers.

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