

Guy N. Ruty (ed): Essentials of autopsy practice. Current methods and modern trends

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This is the third volume of the series *Essentials of Autopsy Practice*. It is the aim of the series to give an up-to-date review on the advances and developments in autopsy practice. Volume 3 consists of nine chapters.

1. The evolution of the nurse's role in death investigation
2. Postmortem analysis for inherited ion channelopathies
3. Pathology of sepsis
4. A histopathologist's guide to ocular pathology
5. Subdural hematoma in children
6. Chest and abdominal injuries

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7. Injuries and death resulting from restraint
8. The timing of death
9. Burn injury

The range of topics of the chapters shows that "autopsy practice" is seen in a very broad sense. Each chapter brings the literature together into a modern survey of the subject. The black and white figures of macroscopic and histological findings are of good quality. At some points, however, coloured figures would have been desirable, especially for the documentation of histological findings. Furthermore, there are numerous instructive tables and drawings. Each chapter ends with a detailed bibliography with many references for further reading.

The book can be recommended to everyone dealing professionally with the investigation of death.