BOOK REVIEW

Principles of Forensic Medicine. 1st edition, second reprint. Edited by Apurba Nandy, MD. Published by New Central Book Agency (P) Ltd, Calcutta 1996. Paperback, Rs 285/-. Pages 606. ISBN 81-7381-064-8.

This book is an authentic text book in the field of Forensic Medicine. This will be useful to students of the discipline and also to all medical practitioners who come across medicolegal problems in their practice. A good referral book which has added chapters on COPRA and Organ Transplantation Act, 1994. The book has in-

corporated medicolegal aspects of certain recent issues. It has also attempted to remove some anomalous conceptions about the applicability of this branch of science in the practical field.

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Forensic Medicine an Illustrated Reference 1st Edition. Edited by JK Mason. Published by Chapman & Hall Medical Thomson Publishing Japan, Tokyo 1993, Hardbound. £125. Pages 213, ISBN 0-4124-3300-1.

This illustrated reference book of Forensic Pathology, contain photographs, charts and diagrams each with enormous educational value and practical importance. The book has important chapters on the scene of suspicious death; post-mortem artefacts, major disasters, explosions, aspects of sexuality in Forensic Medicine and

pathology child abuse and child homicide. On the whole the books is a highly worth while addition to the forensic scientific and medicolegal literature. Book will remain a source of intellectual pleasure and knowledge to medicolegal professionals for many years to come.

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Design and Development Guides Hospital and Health-care Facilities. Revised 2nd edition. Anthony Cox and Philip Groves. Published by Butterworth-Heinemann Limited, Oxford, 1990. Hardbound. Price £70. Pages 165. ISBN 0-7506-2016-1.

This book is yet another useful aid for the hospital planner and architect. The plans and designs for various medical facilities essentially conform to the health services in UK. However, reference has also been made to the changing health care set up in other developed and developing country.

The authors have tried to highlight various types of health care facilities and within each, different departments. The historical background of these

departments and facilities lend interest to the reader and also provide an insight into the changing requirements of health care consumers and providers.

The text has been suitably illustrated with photographs, schematic diagrams and outline plans which makes understanding and conceptualisation of the designs easier. The book is recommended as reference material for hospital planners and architects.

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