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A WONDERFUL REFERENCE TEXT TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE COLLECTION AND USE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE INFORMATION

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Clinical Forensic Medicine - A Physician's Guide, 2nd Edition, *Edited by* Margaret M. Stark. Hard Bound, 6" x 9". [Includes eBook/PDA on CD-ROM]. Foreword by Sir John Stevens, former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, London, UK
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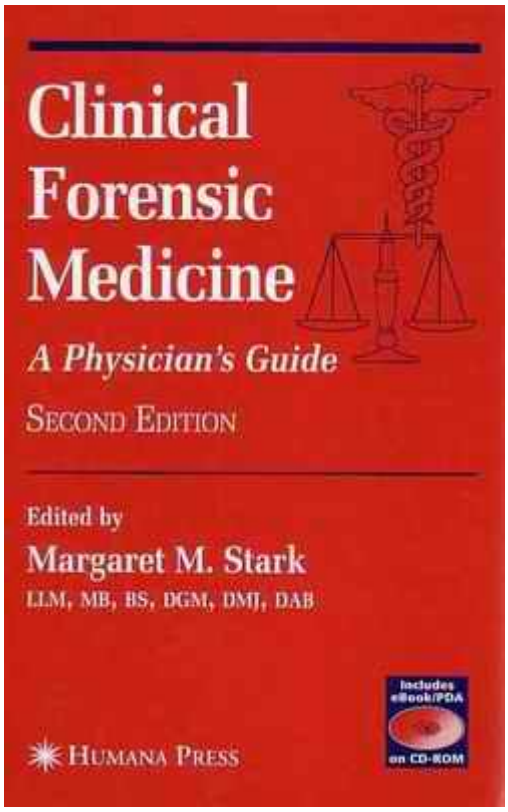

There have been major developments in the field of clinical forensic medicine over the last two decades both in the knowledge base and how forensic practitioners are perceived. With these changes, the discipline of clinical forensic medicine has begun to emerge as a specialty in its own right. The publication of this second edition of Margaret Stark's *Clinical Forensic Medicine* is timely, 5 years after publication of the first edition. It indicates the rapid changes occurring in forensic medical knowledge and coincides with the growing acceptance of clinical forensic medicine as a specialty. Appropriate also as Dr Stark is a forensic practitioner who has made a major contribution to the development of clinical standards in the discipline and its establishment as a specialty.

Clinical Forensic Medicine has been expanded with added chapters on restrain and infectious diseases. All previous chapters have been updated and include the core areas of clinical forensic medicine namely sexual assault, injury assessment and interpretation, non-accidental injury in children, the care of detainees, substance misuse, deaths in custody and traffic medicine. In addition, there are chapters on the history and development of clinical forensic medicine and crowd-control agents, and an essential chapter dealing with the ethics and fundamentals of forensic practice. The latter chapter covers a multitude of issues very relevant to forensic practice and which are slightly different to although overlap with that of non-forensic medical practice. There is an extensive appendix covering ethical documents (codes of conduct and declarations), the UK statutory Provisions relating to access to health records, management of head injuries, the Mini-Mental State Examination, alcohol assessment questionnaires, drink/drugs driving impairment assessment form and a list of useful web sites.

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An additional item of considerable value with this edition is an accompanying CD ROM that contains an e-Book version of the text. Using Version 6 of Adobe, this can be readily viewed on a computer. It also contains a facility to synchronise the text with a PDA. This latter facility is invaluable for those practitioners with a tendency for the modern age and who have equipped themselves with a PDA with a suitably-sized memory chip. Much can now be stored on these devices and the addition of Dr Stark's book to a PDA provides a readily accessed source of forensic information when it may be required in locations remote from the practitioner's office and their hard copy of the book.

Clinical Forensic Medicine was written primarily for physicians and nurses working in the field but it will be of use to anyone with an interest in the clinical aspects of forensic practice as well as lawyers and police. Overall, the book is very well written with a wealth of information that is an essential text for any practitioner of clinical forensic medicine.

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