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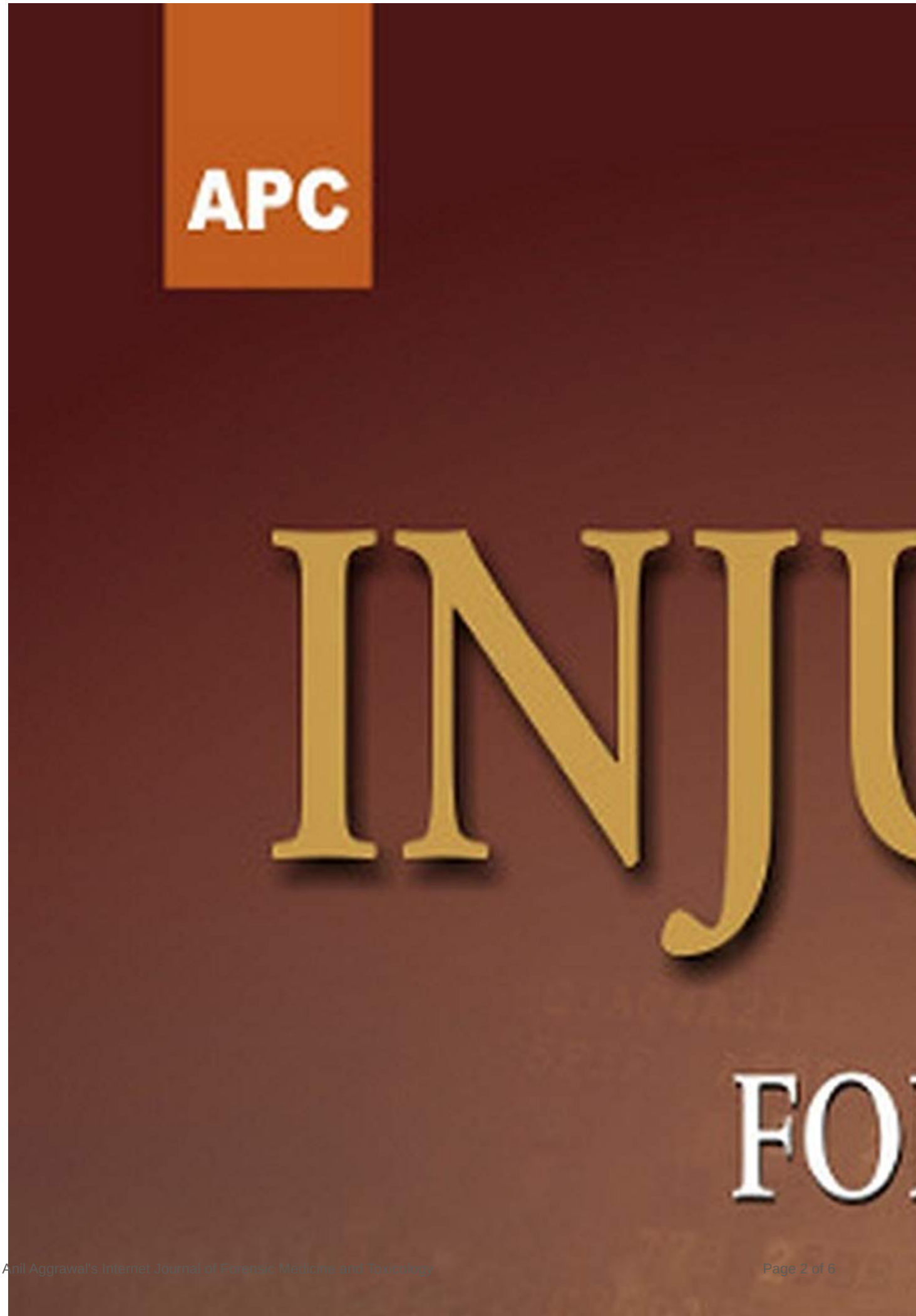
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Doctors working in the medicolegal field often need to explain the core principles of injury while deposing in a court of law. The first edition of Professor Anil Aggrawal's book is extensively written to cover all medicolegal aspects of injury in both living and dead.

The book under review [*Injuries - Forensic and Medicolegal Aspects*] has a good hardbound cover and is printed on good quality paper. It has a good font size for easy reading. With a flip across the book, one comes across multiple memory aids and mnemonics for easy recollection of critical International, Indian legislation sections and important forensic aspects of injuries with their interpretation. The text is highly enriched with various legal bills, cases, statutes, regulations and rules. A list of the authorities is given as a compilation for easy reference. The book is divided into two sections – Medicolegal aspects of injuries and Recent advances. Section 1 is discussed under eleven chapters that are grouped intelligently for ease of comprehension of the reader. The language used is lucid and easy to interpret. The extensive placement of high-resolution photographs, figures, tables, and flowcharts to understand the details of a particular topic make this textbook extraordinarily catchy and easy to grasp. The integral thread of evidence-based description and precise information about the injuries sustained from various sources runs through the entire content included in multiple chapters of this textbook.

The first two chapters give a background of Forensic Medicine discussing the legal procedures and laws surrounding the concept of injuries. It also adds a detailed illustration of the procedure, powers and investigations followed by various authorities of the Indian legal system. From chapter three onwards it encompasses the full scope of injuries providing the theoretical background behind medicolegal interpretations. The text is supplemented by a step-by-step guide to procedure in evaluating and interpreting injuries while giving an expert opinion. The book is filled with a case discussion on different aspects of injuries along with full colour illustrations and diagrammatic representation of mechanism of each injury. The demonstrative videos of infliction of injuries are made available on digital platforms via Edumed app for illustration of various mechanism of infliction of injuries. The chapter on Firearm injuries is described in lucid manner right from details of types of firearms, ballistics and firearm wounds to the medicolegal aspects.

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Recent advances in tele evidences and critical issue of NHRC guidelines are dealt in section of Recent advances. Medicolegally important laws and terms are added in Appendix 1.

This comprehensive book can serve as the ultimate guide for any physician dealing with injuries and attending courts in relation to cases of injuries caused due to any reason like traffic accidents, assaults, firearm injuries, thermal injuries and other falls in living individuals as well as the dead. Practicing physicians affiliated with trauma centers, postgraduate in forensic medicine and medical officers of government centers throughout the country as also the legal fraternity will definitely find this book to be a valuable addition to their collection to help them deal with day-to-day issues arising out of dealing with injuries.

I congratulate Prof (Dr) Anil Aggrawal for taking a lead to write a book on "Injuries" – a novel concept in medicolegal literature.

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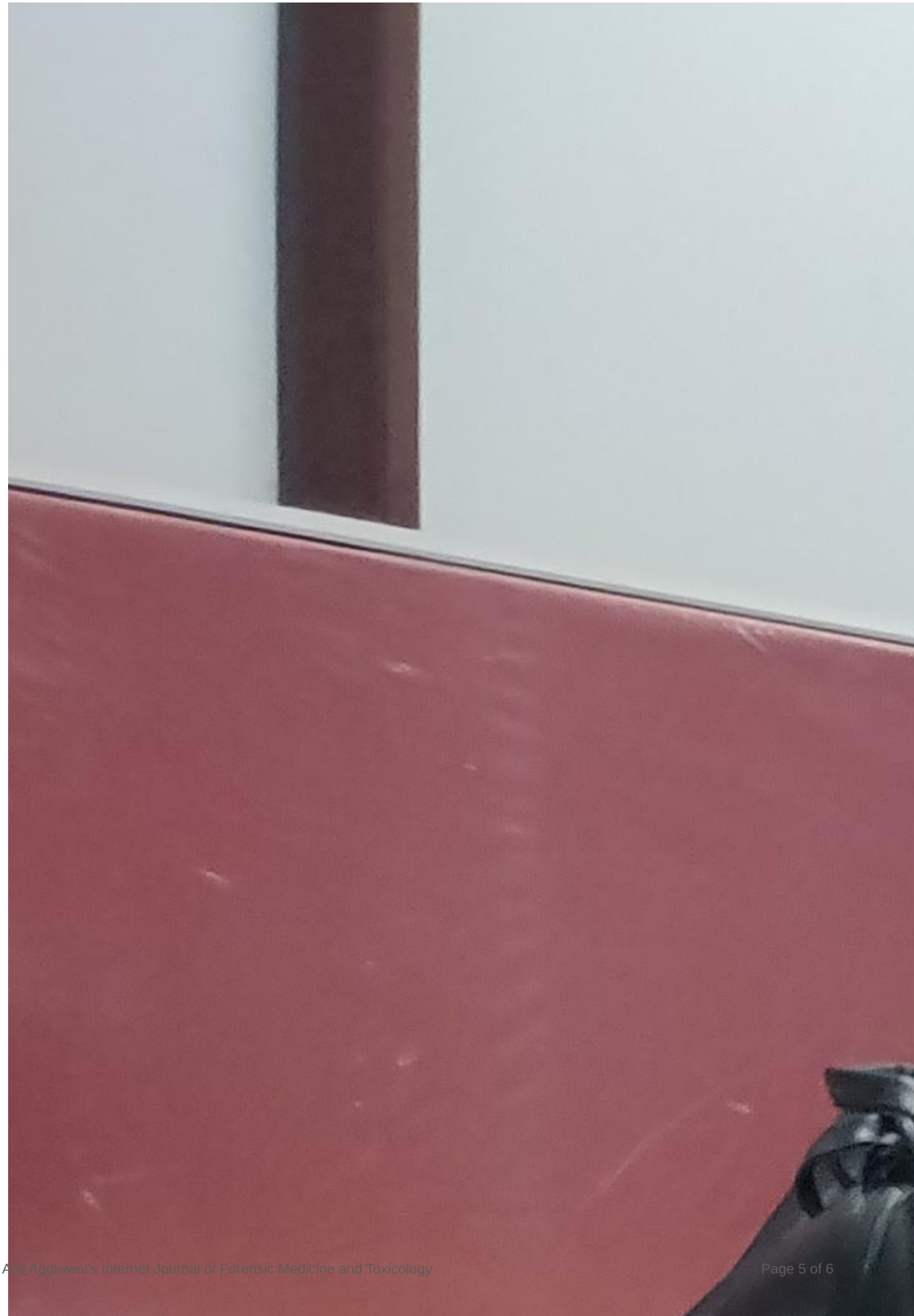
-Swapnil Akhade



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