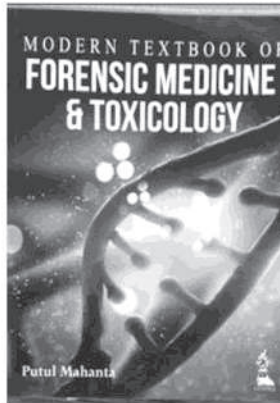


BOOK REVIEW



Modern Textbook of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology

By Dr. Putul Mahanta

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Modern Textbook of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology is a well-spoken exposition of the essence of medico legal issues, which has truly indispensable information for all the medical students (both Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate) and for those doctors irrespective of their specialty working in the rural areas, police and lawyers. This book has been well written to cover the needs of undergraduate as well as the postgraduate students by following the whole curriculum as per Medical Council of India (MCI).

The book contains 52 chapters along with a number of useful proforma as an Annexures. A good number of new topics such as Forensic Osteology; Forensic Odontology; Human Rights, Custodial Torture and Deaths; Crime Scene Investigation and Techniques in Museum, have increased the depth and width of the book. All the text illustrations are updated with recent advancement on forensic medicine. The author Dr. Putul Mahanta has given all the legal updates of the text with appropriate references for the conveniences of the reader, which are essential to understand the source of the text for faster and better comprehension.

The layout, paper quality and the printing of the book have been of very high standard. High-resolution photographs, drawings, flow charts, and tables in the book are appropriate and exceptionally useful. Color photographs presented in different chapters are excellent. The language is simple and easily understandable.

Special emphasis has been given by different contributing authors to the upcoming concepts such as biomedical waste management, human experimentation, DNA profiling and related issues. It would be useful not only for the students and the doctors working in rural hospitals who deal in the maximum number of medico legal cases, but also for the faculty of our fraternity, besides students pursuing careers in Dentistry, Ayurvedic and Homeopathic professions.

The book is a concise and informative one, which has covered all the vital aspects of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. I humbly feel it will be an asset to every medical Practitioners to be kept with him for ready reference.

I sincerely hope this book will serve the intent and help the readers to learn the subject. I feel immense pleasure for writing this book review of Dr Putul Mahanta, who has been one of my beloved students and now active and dedicated teacher of the specialty of forensic medicine, has taken pain to include maximum problems in the subject. I congratulate him.

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