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The third edition of Clinical Forensic Medicine: A Physician's Guide (2011) has been extensively revised and fully updated. The new edition is the result of a multi-authored effort of authoritative contributors from the United Kingdom, Ireland, USA, New Zealand and China. Thanks to the international team of authors, the book presents a unique global perspective on every aspect of forensic medicine as it relates to the practicing physician.

The third edition of the book consists of 14 chapters: 1. *The History and Development of Clinical Forensic Medicine Worldwide*; 2. *Fundamental Principles*; 3. *Sexual Assault Examination*; 4. *Injuries Assessment, Documentation and Interpretation*; 5. *Physical Child Abuse*; 6. *Chemical Crowd Controlled Agents*; 7. *Medical Issues Relevant to Restraint*; 8. *TASER Conducted Electrical Weapons*; 9. *Care of Detainees*; 10. *Infectious diseases: The Role of the Forensic Physician*; 11. *Fitness to be Interviewed*; 12. *Substance Misuse*; 13. *Death in Custody*; 14. *Traffic Medicine*.

All the chapters have been reviewed and the secondary reference literature was refreshed. In particular, the chapter on non-accidental child injury was entirely rewritten, reflecting the recent developments in child protection. Also, there is one separate and specific chapter on the use of the TASER along with other aspects of restraint. Similarly, the *Care of Detainees* and *Fitness to be Interviewed* chapters were set up individually for a more comprehensive discussion of the topic.

Like previous editions of this book, it is a reliable guide for practical forensic case work. I found the third edition of Clinical Forensic Medicine to be an outstanding reference book and a definitive text on clinical forensic medicine. I would recommend it as an excellent resource for physicians, forensic pathologists, toxicologists and police officers.

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