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Preface

Since this third volume of *Essentials* has been compiled the arena of autopsy practice is undoubtedly changing. For the first time pathologists are beginning to opt out of autopsy training which will reduce the number of practitioners and result in centralisation of autopsy services. With the increase of knowledge, availability and use of genetic testing the nature of autopsy examinations are changing and the understanding of causes of death are evolving. New roles are evolving; new personnel are undertaking the jobs previously undertaken by the pathologist. Finally the very need for an autopsy examination is being questioned and an alternative technique for example axial radiography is now being researched to see if this may replace the need to undertake invasive autopsies. In this third volume in the series, subjects have again been chosen to assist all involved in post-mortem, crime investigation and bereavement work, specifically in areas where information may not be readily to hand, or in areas which may prove difficult for interpretation and where there have been advancements in practice over recent years. The book is again designed to be of use to the trainee and consultant pathologist alike, be they a generalist or specialist as well as to nurses, paramedical personnel, bereavement officers, lawyers and police, and to reflect the changing world of autopsy practice. As this series continues to evolve, each volume is intended for all involved with the dead and post-mortem work and hopes to assist with keeping one up-to-date with changing issues related to autopsy practice.

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