

BOOK REVIEW

Forensic Gynaecology (Advanced Skills Series)

Maureen Dalton (ed.). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2014. ISBN-13: 978-1-107-06429-4. Price: £55.00. Pages: 179 (hardcover)

Forensic Gynaecology is a useful and detailed book. It contains 20 chapters that follow the journey that a victim of sexual assault might take through the system, and encompasses topics ranging from the law, history, consent and examination, to aftercare, emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infection issues. Further chapters cover

sexual abuse in the elderly, children and men, female genital mutilation (FGM), domestic abuse, and child exploitation. This is a very accessible book, containing comprehensive information and detailed examples illustrating how a clinician might manage or talk to a victim of sexual assault in line with current British Association for Sexual Health & HIV (BASHH) guidance.

I asked nursing colleagues who work in Sexual Assault Units to review this book and comment; there was overwhelmingly positive feedback for this book.

The chapters are written by individual authors who are all experienced health professionals working in the area of sexual assault in the UK. The

editor, Maureen Dalton, is the Clinical Lead Advisor to the South West Sexual Assault Referral Centre Commissioning, UK. The result is a valuable resource that provides a clear picture of the processes and stages involved in caring for a victim of sexual assault.

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