

**Forensic Pathology, 2nd edition**

VINCENT J. DIMAIO, DOMINICK DIMAIO. 565pp. **Price:** N/A. **Publisher:** CRC Press LLC. **Date of Publication:** 2001. **Place of Publication:** USA. ISBN: 0-8493-0072-X

This is one of 2 reliable and international textbooks on Forensic Pathology, the other textbook is Forensic Pathology edited by Bernard Knight. Both books are considered universal references in Forensic Pathology. This book covers the field of Forensic Pathology, the essentials of Forensic Medicine, and Forensic Toxicology in a concise and comprehensive manner. This 2nd edition is fully revised and updated along with the addition of 2 new chapters which are "Nursing Home Deaths" and "sudden death during or immediately after a violent struggle". Unfortunately, this book does not contain 2 important subjects, namely 1. Identification: maybe because the authors consider identification primarily a matter for police investigation, and 2. Gunshot Wounds: this is because Vincent J. Dimaio edited a separate book dealing with the interpretation and evaluation of gunshot wounds, therefore, this book, is the must-have companion text to Gunshot wounds: Practical aspects of Firearms, Ballistics, and Forensic Techniques, 2nd edition edited by Vincent J. M. Dimaio. The book is addressed to medical students, medical practitioners, medicolegal expert doctors and investigators as well as homicide detectives. Forensic Pathology, 2nd edition is a good buy and is highly recommended as one of the essential references in its field and should be present in every medical library and medical journal library.

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**The Osteoporosis Primer**

J E HENDERSON, D GOLTZMAN. 372 pp. **Price:** N/A. **Publisher:** Cambridge University. **Date of Publication:** 2000. **Place of Publication:** UK. ISBN: 0-521-64446-1

Osteoporosis is one of the important causes of morbidity and mortality amongst old people all over the world, and it is becoming the field of interest among many nuclear medicine physicians. Indeed, the above mentioned book is written very elegantly. It starts with an introductory chapter which relates the clinical presentation of osteoporosis to its biochemical basis helped by informative illustrations which, are an important step in understanding the pathophysiology of the disease and to help in its prevention. The authors then gradually explain the genetic and non-genetic determinants of osteoporosis and hormonal regulators including osteoporosis in children and various diseases in children and adults which cause osteoporosis and they talked about the bone mineral density measurements. The authors also explained senile osteoporosis in women and men. Gradually the authors took the reader to the treatment and the biochemical markers of bone turnover as a monitor of treatment with excellent explanatory diagrams including an algorithm for use of biochemical markers in the management of patient. This book gives the reader a concise, essential, yet comprehensive, synopsis of bone development and how it is related to osteoporosis and the topics in the book are related to current research that outline improvements in diagnosis and treatment of the disease. This is a valuable book of excellent standard.

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