

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of "Atlas of Legal Medicine"

REFERENCE: Watanabe, T., *Atlas of Legal Medicine*, 2nd ed., Lippincott, Philadelphia, 1972, 187 pages, 550 illustrations (278 in color), \$30.00.

Dr. Watanabe's outstanding pictorial presentation of forensic pathology remains unparalleled since the first edition of *Atlas of Legal Medicine* appeared in 1968. The work admirably fulfills the expectation of an atlas through more than 500 photographs. These cover postmortem changes, chemical and physical injuries, and natural diseases manifesting as sudden unexpected death. All areas of forensic pathology are covered and illustrated at the gross level.

The value of the second edition has been enhanced by the addition of line drawings that illustrate the mechanisms by which certain morphologic patterns are produced. The photographic coverage and the supporting text are essentially unchanged from the first edition. Microscopic pathology is not presented.

This book is highly recommended to all who need a collateral exposure to the medical aspects of death investigation, including lawyers, investigators, criminalists, and other forensic scientists. It will be especially valuable to hospital pathologists and pathology residents who may only occasionally perform forensic autopsies but need a quick orientation to what they might encounter.

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