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About the book

- A practical handbook on everything a medical professional needs to know in order to write a medico-legal report.
- Shows how knowledge and experience of psychiatry can be harnessed to answer the legal questions necessary for the administration of justice and the resolution of disputes.
- Covers the training, skills and knowledge that are necessary to prepare expert psychiatric evidence for courts and other legal situations.
- Chapters suitable for all medical experts include: the role and responsibilities an expert witness; the medico-legal consultation; the structure and form of the generic report; going to court; and maintaining expertise.
- Includes a special focus on reports for criminal proceedings, in personal injury cases, for family cases and those involving capacity, plus reports for tribunals, inquests, and for jurisdictions in the British Isles outside England and Wales.
- Appendices include useful sample letters and forms that can be adapted by those starting out in expert witness work.

Readership

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