Quick Reference to Child and Adolescent Forensics: A Guide for Nurses and Other Health Care Professionals

Health care practitioners frequently work with victims of child abuse, sexual assault, and juvenile offenders, but often lack the education and resources they need to deal with the everyday forensic issues of pediatric practice. This quick guide provides current information that assists pediatric practitioners with the prevention, identification, and management of pediatric victims and offenders.

The book describes the general principles of forensics and its implications in pediatric practice, including the cycle, continuum, and cultural aspects of violence. It also serves as a guide to conducting the forensic assessment and recording the legal documentation, collecting evidence, navigating the criminal and family justice systems, and producing expert witness testimony. The authors clearly define the role of the pediatric provider working with children who witness violence at home, in the community, and in the media.