Children and young people account for a quarter of all patients treated in emergency departments in the UK, with three million children attending emergency departments every year. Emergency Care of Children and Young People prepares practitioners for the challenges of caring for children in emergency departments. Children requiring emergency care have unique and differing needs and may not respond or cooperate during an initial assessment as an adult would.

Emergency Care of Children and Young People is an essential reference for all health care professionals working with children in the emergency department setting. It explores the key skills needed for effective care and presents the evidence which underpins effective practice in an accessible and informative format. Emergency Care of Children and Young People covers a complete range of topics including legal and ethical aspects, minor injuries, major trauma, effective ways to communicate with children through the use of play and distraction, meningitis and resuscitation.