

Lecture Notes on Forensic Medicine. 5th ed. DJ Gee, AA Watson. (Pp 229; paperback £12.95.) Blackwells. 1989. ISBN 0-632-02595-6.

This paperback makes a very welcome return in its fifth edition and is mostly unscathed with only some loss of width, a gain in height, and the acquisition of a blushing Aesculapian serpent on its front cover: there is a decrease in the number of its chapters (30), pages (220) and in the breadth of the subjects covered. In this edition, regius Professor Alan Watson has joined emeritus Professor David Gee as a coauthor adding a modicum of Scottish law at the appropriate places and further enhancing the book's appeal to the countries on both sides of Hadrian's Wall. Presumably the reason why such subjects as criminal abortion are still covered at length also stems from the necessity to retain a transcontinental clientele.

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intended for undergraduates and recently fledged doctors and there can be no doubt that this role is fulfilled most admirably in the specialty of forensic medicine through the commendable conciseness and clarity of text, the subdivision of the chapters by numerous subheadings, and the informative inclusion of simple illustrative line drawings—all at a price (slightly inflated from the last edition) easily accessible to a student's pocket.

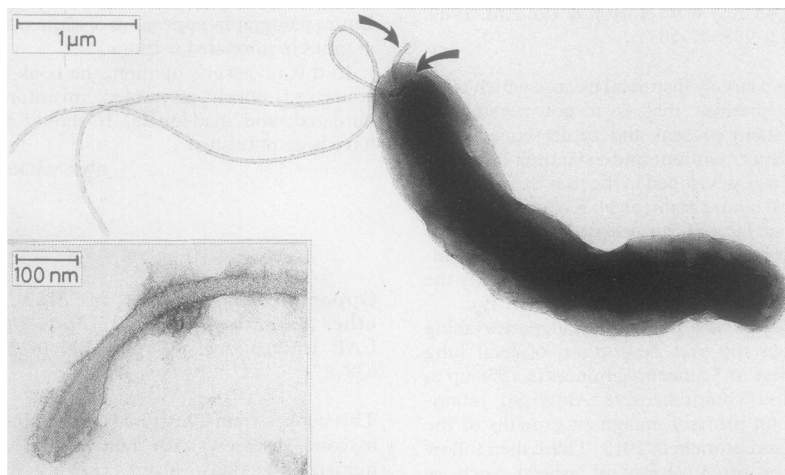
The authors seem to have placed great faith on their previous reviewers and I therefore tentatively venture to suggest some changes in emphasis for the forthcoming edition: breath alcohol—assaying machines are here to stay—and child non-accidental injury and sexual abuse will persist in the limelight. The nuances of (Scottish) precognitions and fatal accident inquiries could be highlighted even further. I also hope that the pious hope expressed that the Procurator Fiscal "will *always* require an autopsy to be carried out" comes to pass by then.

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ERRATA

Errata 1

In the indexed letter, "Lack of in vitro activity of omeprazole against *Campylobacter pylori*," A M Gheleni *et al* (1990;43:171). The figure legend to the figure reproduced below was inadvertently omitted. We apologise for this error.



Electron micrograph showing *C pylori* negatively stained with ammonium molybdate. Although only two intact flagella are seen here, the basal portions of two other flagella are visible (arrowed). A terminal paddle is just visible on one of the two intact flagella. A terminal paddle from another specimen is shown enlarged in the inset.

Errata 2

Part of the Appendix in "Guidelines on oral anticoagulation: second edition" by the British Society for Haematology (1990;43:177–84) was incorrectly transcribed. The correct version is printed below. We apologise for this error.

Infections:

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| Aminoglycosides: | Griseofulvin |
| Amikacin | Rifampicin |
| Gentamicin | |
| Kanamycin | |
| Neomycin | |
| Streptomycin | |
| Tobramycin | |
| Co-trimoxazole | |
| Cephalosporins: | |
| Cephaloridine | |
| Cephazolin | |
| Cephalexin | |
| Latamoxef | |

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