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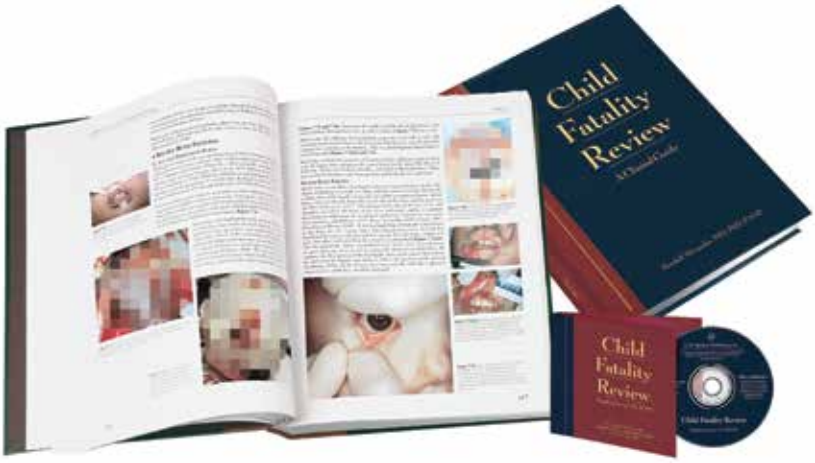

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Child Fatality Review, which is the result of collaboration between 27 pediatricians, 10 forensic pathologists, 3 coroners, 2 forensic scientists, and an array of other health care, legal, law enforcement, and social service professionals, is the first available text completely devoted to the child fatality review process. It is designed to be the only text *current team members*, *potential team members*, and *interested nonmembers* will need on death review. Illustrated with more than 600 full-color clinical photographs documenting case histories, the book contains a section devoted to common and uncommon causes of child fatalities, including neglect, SIDS, suicide, burning, drowning, infectious diseases, and lightning strikes. This section prepares nonmedical professionals who are not generally exposed to actual deaths for the types of cases they will encounter while on a review team.

The book describes in detail the processes that child fatality review teams follow and the roles of each team member, offering best practice procedures to professionals on existing teams or starting new teams and guidance to new members as they determine how they fit into team functioning. Special topics are also addressed, including military approaches to fatality review, child fatalities in Indian Country, and international review team functioning.

The ***Child Fatality Review Supplementary CD-ROM*** is an excellent resource for all professionals interested in child fatalities. It contains 255 clinical photographs depicting sample case studies from the book plus a slide show presentation providing an overview of the most important aspects of child fatality review. The pocket-sized Child Death/Injury Interview and Documentation Guide is included so first responders to death scenes have quick access to lists of information needed to thoroughly investigate child deaths. Useful for group presentations and self-study, this CD-ROM serves as a perfect complement to the text.

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