Emergency Care of the Abused

_Emergency Care of the Abused_ is intended to assist the health care practitioner in managing the acute care of abused patients. Any general practitioner, pediatrician, or emergency physician will appreciate the easy-to-read, accessible information in this book. This book is not intended to be an exhaustive study of each topic, but rather a quick reference and practical guide for those in the clinical arena who see such patients. A wide range of abuse is covered here. Several topics not commonly included in textbooks, such as trafficking, torture, and cultural influences on managing and investigating abuse, are discussed. Each chapter has goals and objectives to maximize educational reading on the topic, photographs and tables to assist the clinician, legal aspects of the emergency situation, and quick reference pages to assist the practitioner who is dealing with an abused patient on an emergency basis.

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United Nations Statement

Article 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all rights and freedoms without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political, or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status.

Article 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person.

Article 4

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 5

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 25

Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children shall enjoy the same social protection.

Taken from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948.