



MFFLM Examination Suggested Reading List

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It is recommended that candidates read widely for the MFFLM examination. Examples of the core texts are given below and relevant Faculty guidance is available from www.fflm.ac.uk.

Candidates will also be expected to be familiar with relevant statutes (<http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk/Home.aspx>) and secondary legislation relevant to the practice of medical law and the candidates' area of practice, for example statutes relating to criminal investigation, procedure and evidence. As these are continually changing, it is not possible to provide a definitive reading list, although some examples may appear in the list that follows.

Core Texts

Blackstone's Statutes on Medical Law
(ISBN-13: 9780199211821)

British National Formulary
BMJ Group and RPS Publishing (latest edition) available at: <http://www.bnf.org/bnf/bnf/current/>

Clinical Forensic Medicine – A Physician's Guide
2nd Edition Stark MM. Editor. Humana Press, Totowa, New Jersey. 2005 (ISBN 1588293688)

Clinical Forensic Medicine
3rd Edition W. D. S. McLay Cambridge University Press
(ISBN-13: 9780521705684)

Clinical risk management
2001 Charles Vincent et al. BMJ Publishing (ISBN 0727913921)

Coroners' courts – A guide to law and practice.
Dorries Christopher. 2nd Edition. 2004. Oxford University Press (ISBN-10: 1841742465, ISBN-13: 9781841742465)

Department of Health. Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice London: The Stationary Office. 2008
(ISBN 978 0 11 322809 6)

Drug misuse and dependence UK guidelines on clinical management
Department of Health (England) and the devolved administrations 2007

Fitness to Drive
Carter T 2006 London RSM Press (ISBN1853156515)

Forensic Medicine – Clinical and Pathological Aspects
Payne-James JJ, Busuttill A and Smock W. Greenwich Medical Media. London 2003 (ISBN 1841100269)

Forensic Science

Jackson P & Jackson J. 2nd Edition. 2008 Harlow. Pearson Prentice (ISBN 9780131998807)

GMC publications:

*It is recommended that candidates are familiar with **all** of the GMC's core and supplementary guidance including, but not limited to:*

- Confidentiality: Protecting and providing information, April 2004
- Good Medical Practice, 2006.
- Withholding and withdrawing life-prolonging treatments, 2002
- Consent: patients and doctors making decisions together, 2008
- Gun Shot Wounds Guidance for Doctors in Accident and Emergency Departments. September 2003 .
- Reporting Knife Wounds 2008
- Acting as an expert witness 2008
- Personal beliefs and medical practice 2008
- 0-18 years: guidance for all doctors, October 2007

Guidelines for doctors asked to perform intimate body searches FFLM & British Medical Association. FFLM & BMA, October 2007, available at http://www.bma.org.uk/images/Intimatebodysearches_07_tcm41-146851.pdf

Law for Doctors Principles and Practicalities 3rd Edition Garside J 2006 London RSM Press (ISBN 1853156817)

Law and Medical Ethics

7th Edition. Mason & McCall Smith. Oxford University Press, 2006 (ISBN 978 0 19 9282395)

Medical Law

Kennedy & Grubb, Oxford University Press, 2000 (ISBN 978 0 40 690325 9)

Medicine, patients and the law

Brazier. Penguin. 4th Edition 2007 (ISBN 978 0 14 103020 3)

Medical Law

McLean, Ashgate. 2008 (ISBN 978 1 85 5210929)

Medicolegal Pocketbook

Machin 2003. Edinburgh Churchill Livingstone (ISBN 0443071330)

Medicine for Lawyers 5th Edition

Cowan S & Hunt A 2008 Heywards Heath Tottel Publishing (ISBN 9781845922412)

Medical Negligence

4th Edition. Jones, M. Sweet & Maxwell, 2008 (ISBN 978 1 84 7034892)

Principles of Biomedical Ethics

5th Edition. Beauchamp T L & Childress J F. Oxford University Press (ISBN 0-19-514332-9)

Principles of Forensic Medicine

Robinson SP. Greenwich Medical Media. London 1996 (ISBN 1900151359)

Substance Misuse Detainees in Police Custody. Guidelines for Clinical Management

3rd Edition. Association of Forensic Physicians & Royal College of Psychiatrists. Report of a Medical Working Group. Council report CR132, Royal College of Psychiatrists, London, 2006 (ISBN 1904671403)

Symptoms and Signs of Substance Misuse

Stark MM & Payne-James J. 2nd Edition. Greenwich Medical Media, London. 2003 (ISBN 1841101060)

Further reading

It is recommended that candidates read widely in preparation for the MFFLM exam. As well as the core texts, above, the following are examples of texts and publications providing a more in depth understanding of the subject areas that may be covered by the examination:

Adults With Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 Part 5 Code of Practice (web only), available at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/06/13114117/0>

Archbold: Criminal pleading, evidence and practice

Sweet and Maxwell, 2009 (ISBN 9781847036179)

Criminal Law Greens Concise Scots Law

4th Edition. Jones, TH & Christie, MGA, W Green. 2008 (ISBN 9780414016835)

Child abuse quick reference

2nd Edition. Giardino A. GW Medical. 2006 (ISBN 9781878060600)

Clinical negligence

Charles Lewis. Tottel. 2006 (ISBN 9781845922375)

Civil procedure

Loughlin & Gerlis. Cavendish. 2006 (ISBN 9781859414972)

Department of Health Guidance – Making Experiences Count available at:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Legalandcontractual/Complaintspolicy/MakingExperiencesCount/index.htm>

DoH Guidance (Mental Health)

(web resource) available at:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/NationalServiceFrameworks/Mentalhealth/DH_077352

GMC indicative sanctions guidance

available at:

http://www.gmc-uk.org/concerns/hearings_and_decisions/sanctions_referrals_guidance.asp

Guidance on the Safer Detention and Handling of Persons in Police Custody

available at

http://police.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/operational-policing/Safer_Detention_and_Handlin1.pdf?view=Binary

HSC 2003/12 Maintaining High Professional Standards in the Modern NHS Department of Health, 2003

Jervis on Coroners

12th Edition. Twelfth edition 2002 with third cumulative supplement 2006. Editor Paul Matthews. Thomson Sweet & Maxwell (ISBN-10: 1847031145, ISBN-13: 978 1847031143)

Journal of Mental Health Law

Northumbria Law Press (ISBN 1466-2817)

Karch's Pathology of Drug Abuse.

4th Edition. Karch SB. CRC Press, Boca Raton. 2009 (ISBN 978-0-8493-7880-5)

Knight's Forensic Pathology

3rd Edition. Saukko P & Knight B. Arnold, London. 2004 (ISBN 0-340-76044-3)

Mental Capacity Act Manual.

2nd Edition. Jones R. Sweet & Maxwell. 2007 (ISBN 978-1-84703-037-5)

Mental Health Act Manual

Jones, R. 11th Edition. Sweet & Maxwell. 2008 (ISBN 9781847034007)

Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice

Stationery Office. 2007 (ISBN 978 0 11 7037465)

Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice (2008 Edition),

Stationery Office, 2008. ISBN 978 0 11 3228096.

Near Misses in Police custody: a collaborative study with Forensic Medical Examiners in London

IPCC, London. (ISBN 978-0-9556387-0-1) available at http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/index/resources/research/near_miss.htm

Responsibilities of doctors in Child Protection Cases with regard to Confidentiality

February 2004. Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. available at www.rcpch.ac.uk

Scottish Medical Health legislation

available at <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/mha/>

Sexual Offences Act 2003. A Current Law Statute Guide

Thomas JL. Sweet & Maxwell. 2004 (ISBN 0421878304)

Simpson's Forensic Medicine

Shepherd R. Arnold. London. 2003 (ISBN 0340764228)

Sudden Deaths and Fatal Accident Inquiries: Greens Practice Library 3rd Edition

Carmichael IHB, W. Green. 2005 (ISBN 978 0 41 4014695)

The Estimation of the Time Since Death in the Early Post Mortem Period

Henssge C, Krompecher T, Madea B & Nokes L. 2nd Edition. Hodder Arnold. 2002. ISBN 0340719605

The National Health Service (Performers Lists) Regulations 2004

Stationery Office (ISBN 0110488415)

The Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse: An evidence-based review and guidance for best practice

RCPC. March 2008. (ISBN 978-1-906579-00-5)

The Psychology of Interrogations and Confessions, A Handbook

Gudjonsson GH. Wiley: Chichester. 2003. (ISBN 0471491365)

The Local Authority Social Services and National Health Service Complaints (England) Regulations 2009

(SI 2009 no 309), available at <http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

(Candidates should also be familiar with the relevant regulations or directions that govern NHS complaints procedures in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Working Together to Safeguard Children HMSO, 2006, available at

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/resources-and-practice/IG00060/>