

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of *Encyclopedia of Health Information Sources*, First Edition

REFERENCE: Wasserman, P., Ed., *Encyclopedia of Health Information Sources*, first ed., Gale Research Co., Detroit, MI, 1987, 483 pp., \$135.00.

The scope of this work, to include citations of information on the entire gamut of health related subjects, is extremely ambitious. More than 450 subjects have been included and these are cross-referenced. In many instances, 12 different information sources have been given. These sources include abstract services, annuals, reviews, yearbooks, professional societies or associations, bibliographies, directories, encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, manuals, on-line data bases, periodicals, research centers, institutes, and textbooks.

This volume is designed to provide sources for basic information on health and medical subjects. The editors have achieved that goal in this first edition with a few problems. Abscess is the first subject listed, but unfortunately the word abscess is misspelled. Under the heading of Forensic Medicine, Associations and Professional Societies, The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is *not* listed and under Textbooks, Spitz and Fisher's *Medicolegal Investigation of Death* is *not* listed. This work is truly an adventurous undertaking and it will probably take several editions to really get it all together.

Despite the price, this book would be a useful source of information for attorneys who handle personal injury and malpractice cases and of obvious value to medical and law libraries.

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