

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of Cocaine: A Clinician's Handbook

REFERENCE: *Cocaine: A Clinician's Handbook*. A. M. Washton and Mark S. Gold, Eds., The Guilford Press, 200 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003, 262 pp., \$29.95.

This volume is the best single source for current medical information on cocaine and represents the authoritative work of 26 contributors. The book includes chapters on the causes of widespread cocaine use; recent cocaine abuse trends based on the "800 Cocaine" telephone hotline; and medical and biologic consequences of cocaine abuse including fatal reactions, psychopharmacology, central nervous system (CNS) mechanisms of dependency, emergency treatment of acute cocaine reactions, treatment of inpatient and outpatient cocaine abusers, pharmacologic treatment, treatment of adolescent abusers, treatment of cocaine abusing health care professionals, cocaine smoking, cocaine in the workplace, alcohol associated problems, pathologic gambling in cocaine abusers, laboratory detection, psychiatric and psychodynamic factors in cocaine dependence, and the consequences of cocaine and other drug use in pregnancy.

This low priced book will be extremely valuable to all forensic scientists and attorneys seeking information about cocaine.

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