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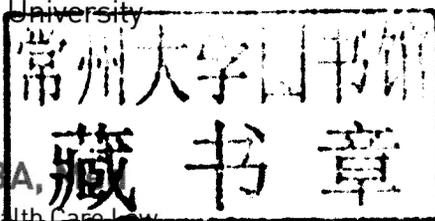
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Preface

Medical law is an exciting and challenging subject, whose dilemmas are the focus of intense and ongoing public debate. The fact that it is a relatively young discipline, which must attempt to keep pace with the constant advance of medical science, makes it of considerable jurisprudential interest. Moreover, the questions which it addresses are ones of fundamental human concern, bearing directly upon the lives of each of us and the shape of the society we inhabit. In this regard, there are few other legal subjects that so clearly display the interaction between law and ethics.

Text, Cases and Materials on Medical Law and Ethics aims to draw together a wide range of material (much of it very recent), including extracts from statutes, judgments and academic commentaries. It is primarily designed for use as a core text by law students taking medical (or health care) law at undergraduate level. However, it is hoped that it may also be of interest to postgraduate students, including those in the burgeoning field of bioethics, as well as to health care professionals.

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