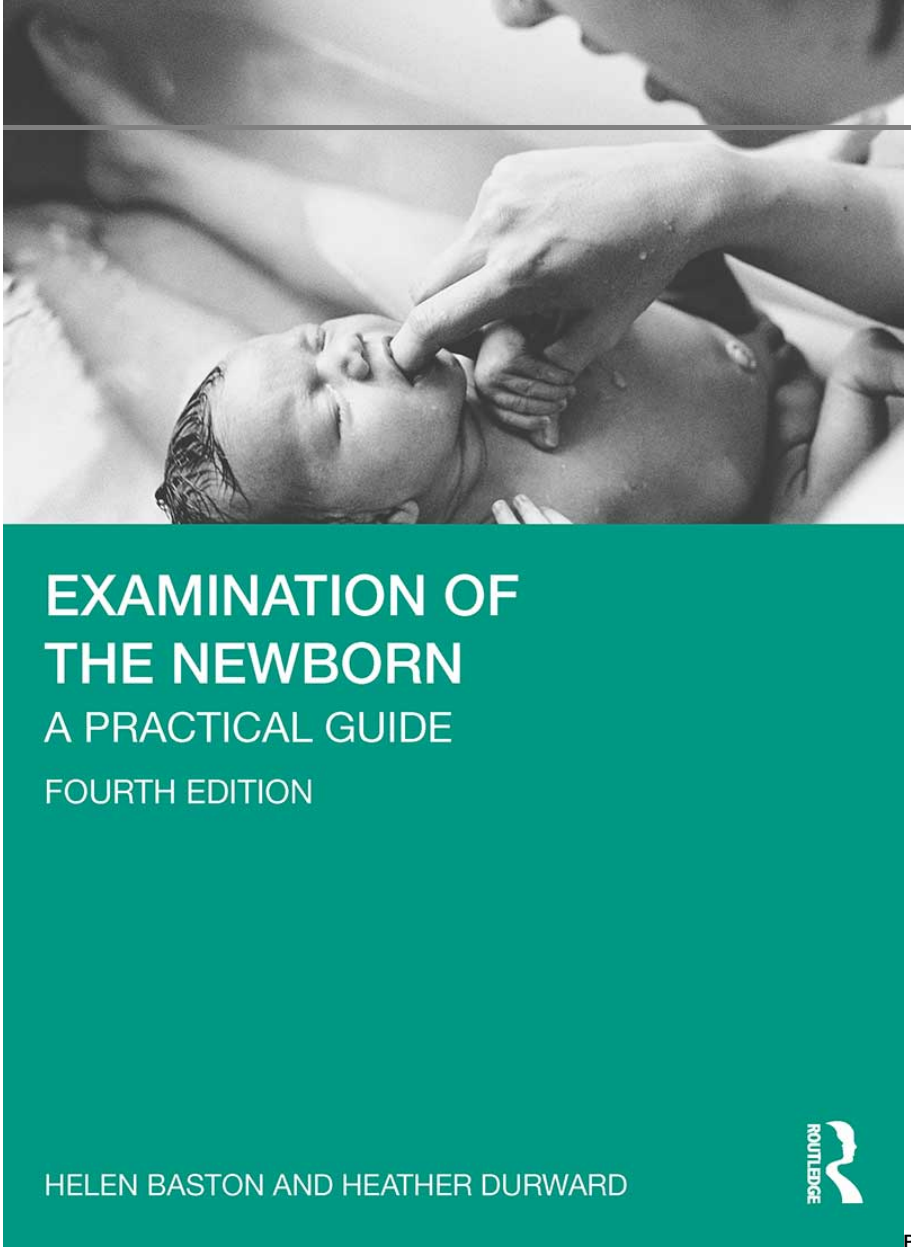


Description

Examination of the Newborn: A Practical Guide. (4th edition) written by Helen Baston and Heather Durward



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This is the fourth edition of Baston and Durward's Examination of the Newborn; a Practical guide. The third edition lived permanently in my clinical bag as a NIPE midwife because it was such a useful and compact resource to refer to when you come across something during a newborn examination that is either uncommon or new to you as a practitioner. This

fourth edition is only an improvement.

It continues to be an accurate, easy to navigate and well referenced resource for clinicians undertaking newborn examination as part of the national screening programme – multidisciplinary authors serving a multidisciplinary audience. Updates in this edition include reference to the inclusion of systematic examination of the newborn (SEN) in the NMC Standards of Proficiency for Midwives and thus pre-registration Midwifery education programmes.

Throughout each chapter there are useful case study examples and ‘pause for thought…’ tasks to challenge and encourage the reader to critically apply to content to their own practice. Each chapter is concluded with a ‘self-test’ and ‘activities’ section which not only help the reader check understanding, but also form a build your own SEN CPD update activity – very useful!

The authors have written and presented the book in a way that allows the reader to dip in and out of each chapter or read the chapter in full which makes it an ideal companion for the practicing NIPE midwife. You can use the glossary, the simple table sections which break down the possible pathology in each area of the examination, or read the full chapter for greater depth depending on the context in which you need to refer to the book. This is why the third edition was my go to (in my bag at all times) text for SEN, the fourth edition will be useful in exactly the same way.

The book is also available as an eBook which is useful for institutions considering adding it to their library and to midwives and student midwives who prefer to access resources digitally. **TPM**

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