

# DISASTERS - CONFLICTS HUMANITARIAN SITUATIONS

In line with the *Journal of Forensic Medicine*<sup>\*</sup>, we are devoting a series to very particular areas of forensic medicine, unfortunately present in the news almost every day, ie conflicts, wars, natural disasters.

The series takes a wide view, not limited to classic forensic medicine but touching particular situations which may be experienced in the face of these dramatic circumstances, anthropology, identification of individuals and all the humanitarian aspects surrounding these complex themes.

Therefore, each instalment will progressively seek to cover not only situations of conflict, but the organisation of “disaster” plans, the various techniques of identification (anthropology, odontology, genetics, etc), as well as “family words”.

This first issue, giving credit where it is due, deals with forensic odontology and its great importance in estimating the age of the person.

An article is also devoted to the use of historical and anthropological studies, showing the benefits of the multidisciplinary approach in the discovery and handling of skeletal remains.

Finally, three articles illustrate the humanitarian aspects that we wish to preserve and develop in the *Journal of Forensic Medicine* by considering the human drama in aspects of sexual violence during armed conflict, but also the number of problems that are difficult to manage in the context of infections such as AIDS and the current Ebola epidemic.

May the readers find in this young series innovating aspects of our beautiful profession, including once more the its multidisciplinary nature that makes it so rich and confirms aspects of it that are deeply anchored in the human being.

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