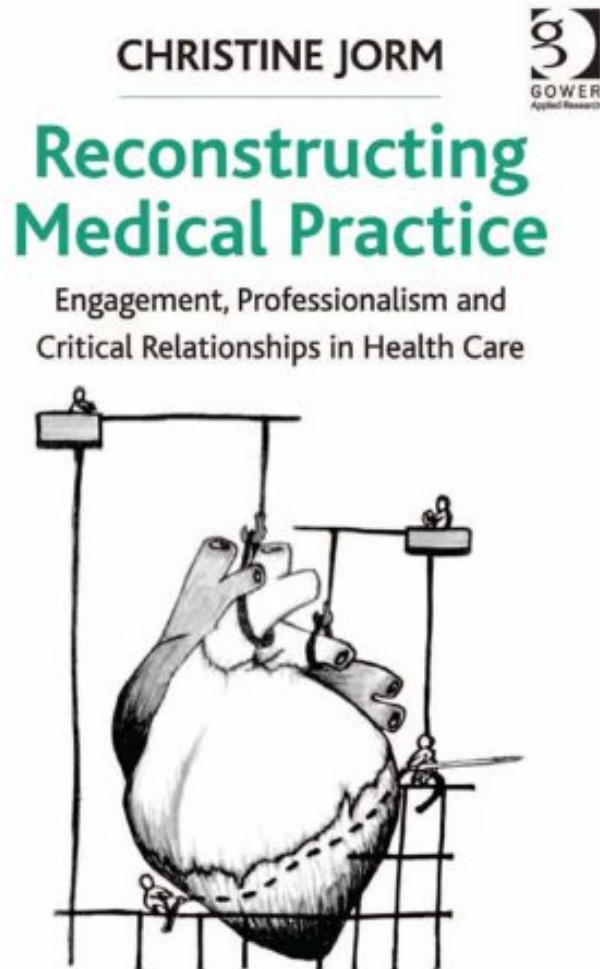


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Change in the medical profession carries with it disturbing features; established practitioners are no longer sure what to recommend to their trainees about how to think and act. In *Reconstructing Medical Practice*, Dr Jorm concludes that regulation, despite its recent proliferation, is a clumsy and limited tool to ensure good care. She offers original and much needed ideas for ways to improve the relationship between doctors and the system.

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