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Clinical Handbook of Schizophrenia

Reviewing the breadth of current knowledge on schizophrenia, this handbook provides clear, practical guidelines for effective assessment and treatment in diverse contexts. Leading authorities have contributed 61 concise chapters on all aspects of the disorder and its clinical management. In lieu of exhaustive literature reviews, each chapter summarizes the state of the science; highlights key points the busy practitioner needs to know; and lists recommended resources, including seminal research studies, invaluable clinical tools, and more. Comprehensive, authoritative, and timely, the volume will enable professionals in any setting to better understand and help their patients or clients with severe mental illness.

"This book provides comprehensive, up-to-date, easy-to-access information on every aspect of schizophrenia that clinically oriented readers would want in a single source. It reflects well the diverse and extensive experience of Mueser and Jeste, who are clinicians, researchers, and educators of great distinction."--Herbert Y. Meltzer, MD, Division Director, Psychopharmacology, Department of Psychiatry, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

"This handbook is a landmark effort to give the working clinician portals of entry to the vast scientific and clinical literature on schizophrenia. The chapters provide accessible summaries, efficiently and sensibly organized by topic--from basic science, to assessment and treatment, to service systems, policy, law, and ethics. There is no other volume available with comparable breadth, accessibility, and sensitivity to the needs of the clinical practitioner. This work promises to be a key reference and resource for students and professionals for years to come."--Will Spaulding, PhD, Department of Psychology, University of Nebraska/n-/Lincoln

"Although I have read (and written) many books about schizophrenia, I was highly impressed by the extensive array of topics that this volume addresses. It is remarkable in encompassing the complex scope of biological, psychological, and social features of this severe mental illness. The volume is distinctive in the way it interweaves scientific knowledge and practical living issues, medical and functional features, individual and population aspects, and somatic and rehabilitative interventions. I recommend this excellent handbook to both professionals and students. It will very likely be adopted as a text for trainees in psychiatry, psychology, social work, rehabilitation counseling, and other disciplines. This book informs, enriches, and inspires."--Henry A. Nasrallah, MD, Department of Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

"The last 20 years have seen extraordinary breakthroughs in our understanding and treatment of schizophrenia. This handbook manages to capture both the breadth and depth of these advances with impressive scholarship and élan. Written by international leaders in the field, this volume is an essential addition to the libraries of scientists and clinicians. It offers an unparalleled opportunity for students in multiple disciplines to peruse the current literature in a single, state-of-the-art volume. A major contribution to the clinical science of schizophrenia."/m-/Max Birchwood, DSc, Professor of Mental Health, University of Birmingham, UK

"It would not surprise me if this handbook quickly became the 'go-to' book on schizophrenia for researchers, clinicians, and students. This is one of those rare volumes that combine excellent depth (via the leading schizophrenia researchers in the world) with a breadth of topics that is second to none. The book goes beyond addressing basic science and treatment, covering such important areas as systems of care, special populations, and special topics. Anyone who treats or conducts research with this population should have this book on his or her shelf, and I will likely adopt it as a required text for my graduate seminar on schizophrenia."--David L. Penn, PhD, Department of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

"An extremely user-friendly distillation of the literature necessary to effectively understand and treat individuals with schizophrenia. A true gold mine! This valuable guide highlights the optimism that we can share with our patients and their families about the treatability of schizophrenia....It helps us digest the expertise and voluminous literature from leading authorities in the field by downsizing the coaching of these authorities into clinically applicable, bite-sized portions....The in-depth nature of the 61 chapters reveals how well planned this handbook is--truly addressing key issues in a bio-psycho-social manner. The topics covered are very comprehensive in nature, yet succinct in a clinically relevant way, and they extend further than any other book I've encountered. New ideas for improved care and understanding will naturally flow from you as you read this text. Each chapter is tightly written, highlighting what practitioners need to know and including the most up-to-date findings, clinical pearls, and pertinent references and recommendations for further reading. Simply reading the Key Points section (major "take-home" points for each area) included with each chapter makes it a very worthwhile activity. This handbook has very broad appeal and was written for any individual, student, practitioner, researcher, or policymaker who wants a comprehensive understanding of the illness of schizophrenia and its far-reaching impact on society. I highly recommend this jewel."--Psychiatry: Interpersonal and Biological Processes

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"A timely, up-to-date, and comprehensive book addressing all aspects of schizophrenia. The editors, who are highly prominent health professionals, include a psychologist (Dr. Mueser) and a psychiatrist (Dr. Jeste). They have done an outstanding job of gathering a total of 91 clinicians from universities throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and several other countries to contribute a total of 61 chapters to this excellent book....This is a well-written, well-organized book that I highly recommend to all clinicians involved in the scientific, rational, and humane treatment of this disabling illness. The editors should be congratulated on an excellent job done in editing this book."--Journal of Clinical Psychiatry

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