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Clinical Child Psychiatry

This ambitious resource presents an inventive approach to integrating pediatric and mental health care based in comprehensive, family-centered service delivery. Its framework adds a problem-solving focus to the core principles of pediatric consultation-liaison psychiatry, emphasizing young patients' developmental, family, and social context. An international panel of expert clinicians explores the value of the mental health component in treating complex and chronic cases across varied settings, as well as practical considerations in implementing collaborative pediatric care systemwide, including at the global level. Detailed case histories illustrate skills and traits essential to making this problem-based approach work, such as multidimensional thinking, a prevention mentality, a dedication to lifelong learning, and empathy and respect for young clients and their families. Included in the coverage:

- Pediatric medicine for the child psychiatrist.
- Safety issues in a general medical facility setting.
- "Other medical" presentations and considerations in pediatric consultation-liaison psychiatry.
- Principles of biopsychosocial formulation and interventions in the pediatric medical setting.
- Preventive models for reducing major causes of morbidity and mortality in childhood.

Child and adolescent psychiatrists, child and school psychologists, and physicians in pediatrics, general practice, and family medicine will welcome Pediatric Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry as both a robust training text and a blueprint for the future of children's medicine.

The Practical Assessment of Testamentary Capacity and Undue Influence in the Elderly

In World War I, they spoke of shell shock. By World War II, the term was battle fatigue. Modern understanding of trauma psychology has evolved to give the concept a non-military name: posttraumatic stress disorder. As such, it has been at the heart of civil and criminal cases from workers' compensation to murder. PTSD and Forensic Psychology brings its topic into real-world focus by examining posttraumatic stress as a clinical entity and taking readers through the evaluation process for court cases involving the PTSD syndrome. This timely reference differentiates between PTSD and disorders that may be mistaken for it, and demonstrates its legal application in seeking civil damages and mounting a criminal defense. An evidence-based framework for conducting a trial-worthy evaluation and guidelines for establishing strong cases and refuting dubious ones further illustrate the protocols and challenges surrounding the status of PTSD in legal settings. For maximum usefulness, the book offers courtroom advice for expert witnesses as well as "practice points" at the end of each chapter. Featured topics include: History of the PTSD concept and its relation to the law. PTSD as syndrome: symptoms, diagnosis, treatment. PTSD and other traumatic disability syndromes. PTSD in the civil litigation and criminal justice systems. PTSD as an insanity defense and in claims of diminished capacity. PTSD cases: evaluation, interpretation, testimony. This thorough yet concise analysis makes PTSD and Forensic Psychology the ideal training tool for beginning mental health expert witnesses, as well as a concise practical review and reference source for seasoned forensic psychologists. It will also serve as a useful practice and teaching guide for attorneys, medical rehabilitation professionals, military personnel, psychotherapists, researchers, and educators in the fields of clinical and forensic psychology, criminology, traumatic stress studies, and mental health law.

Pediatric Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry

Most of us can recall a time when we pretended to be sick to reap the benefits that go along with illness. By playing sick, we gained sympathy, care, and attention, and were excused from our responsibilities. Though doing so on occasion is considered normal, there are those who carry their deceptions to the extreme. In this book, Dr. Marc Feldman describes people's strange motivations to fabricate or induce illness or injury to satisfy deep emotional needs. Doctors, family members, and friends are lured into a costly, frustrating, and potentially deadly web of deceit. From the mother who shaves her child's head and tells her community he has cancer, to the co-worker who suffers from a string of incomprehensible "tragedies," to the false epilepsy victim who monopolizes her online support group, "disease forgery" is ever-present in the media and in many people's lives. In *Dying to be Ill: True Stories of Medical Deception*, Dr. Feldman, with the assistance of Gregory Yates, has chronicled this fascinating world as well as the paths to healing. With insight developed from 25 years of hands-on experience, *Dying to be Ill* is sure to stand as a classic in the field.

Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence

This book covers the basic science and neurobiology of violence and integrates this with clinical, legal, and ethical aspects of forensic psychiatry. Unique text which integrates the basic sciences, clinical, legal, and ethical aspects Highly illustrated. Numerous colour images in the basic sciences section further explain the text Succinct yet comprehensive coverage for instant access to the information The book is designed for postgraduate trainees in psychiatry wishing to specialise in forensic psychiatry, specialists in forensic psychiatry, mental health, criminal lawyers, and forensic psychologists. It will be an invaluable reference work for clinical psychologists, criminologists, sociologists, and other professionals working with forensic psychiatric patients such as members of the probation service, social workers, and nursing staff.

Dying to be Ill

Selected by Choice as a 2013 Outstanding Academic Title

Getting Started in Forensic Psychology Practice

Eduardo Duran—a psychologist working in Indian country—draws on his own clinical experience to provide guidance to counselors working with Native Peoples. Translating theory into actual day-to-day practice, Duran presents case materials that illustrate effective intervention strategies for prevalent problems, including substance abuse, intergenerational trauma, and internalized oppression. Offering a culture-specific approach that has profound implications for all counseling and therapy, this groundbreaking volume: Provides invaluable concepts and strategies that can be applied directly to practice. Outlines very different ways of serving American Indian clients, translating Western metaphor into Indigenous ideas that make sense to Native People. Presents a model in which patients have a relationship with the problems they are having, whether these are physical, mental, or spiritual. Includes a section in each chapter to help non-American Indian counselors generalize the concepts presented to use in their own practice in culturally sensitive ways. “Healing the Soul Wound is the most innovative and thought-provoking scholarship that I’ve read in a long time. . . . Taken seriously and applied, it represents a paradigm shift that will transform theory and practice.” —From the Foreword by Allen E. Ivey, Distinguished University Professor (Emeritus) Eduardo Duran is the Director of Health and Wellness for the United Auburn Indian Community, Northern California.

Handbook of Child and Adolescent Drug and Substance Abuse

Designed as guidance for emergency management, this manual deals almost entirely with short-term (acute) harmful effects of pesticides. Included is information on the health hazards of pesticides currently in use, along with current consensus recommendations for management of poisonings and injuries caused by them. Formatted for quick reference by

through indexing, the book addresses poisoning by insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, fumigants, and other solvents, acaricides, repellents, and adjuvants. Indexed by symptoms and signs and by chemical and product names. Illustrated.

The Psychology of Female Violence

The study of legal semiotics emphasizes the contingency and fluidity of legal concepts and stresses the existence of overlapping, competing and coexisting legal discourses. New problems, changing power structures and societal norms and new faces of injustice – all these force reconsideration, reformulation and even replacement of established doctrines. This book focuses on the application of law in a wide variety of contexts, including international politics and diplomatic practice.

Interpretation, Law and the Construction of Meaning

Munchausen by Proxy Syndrome (MBPS), a form of child abuse in which a primary carer - usually a mother - fabricates and/or induces illness in a child, is one of the least understood forms of child abuse and mental illness. Examining the current knowledge about the manifestations and consequences of this perplexing behaviour, this book assists all professionals working with chronically ill children in identifying and intervening with this bizarre and often deadly form of abuse. Drawing from their firsthand experience with the complexities of such cases, the editors and contributors address critical issues of not only identification and assessment but also long-term psychotherapy. Therapy with the mother/perpetrator has tra

Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings

The Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence is a modern reference from the leading international scholars in domestic violence research. This ground-breaking project has created the first ever publication of an encyclopedia of domestic violence. The primary goal of the Encyclopedia is to provide information on a variety of traditional, as well as breakthrough, issues in this complex phenomenon. The coverage of the Encyclopedia is broad and diverse, encompassing the entire life span from infancy to old age. The entries include the traditional research areas, such as battered women, child abuse and dating violence. However, this Encyclopedia is unique in that it includes many under-studied areas of domestic violence, such as ritual abuse-torture within families, domestic violence against women with disabilities, pseudo-family violence and domestic violence within military families. It is also unique in that it examines cross-cultural perspectives of domestic violence. One of the key special features in this Encyclopedia is the cross-reference section at the end of each entry. This allows the reader the ability to continue their research of a particular topic. This book will be an easy-to-read reference guide on a host of

topics, which are alphabetically arranged. Precautions have been taken to ensure that the Encyclopedia is not politically slanted; rather, it is hoped that it will serve as a basic guide to better understanding the myriad issues surrounding this labyrinthine topic. Topics covered include: Victims of Domestic Violence; Theoretical Perspectives and Correlates to Domestic Violence; Cross-Cultural Perspectives and Religious Perspectives; Understudied Areas within Domestic Violence Research; Domestic Violence and the Law; and Child Abuse and Elder Abuse.

PTSD and Forensic Psychology

Scholars in folklore and anthropology are more directly involved in various aspects of medicine—such as medical education, clinical pastoral care, and negotiation of transcultural issues—than ever before. Old models of investigation that artificially isolated "folk medicine," "complementary and alternative medicine," and "biomedicine" as mutually exclusive have proven too limited in exploring the real-life complexities of health belief systems as they observably exist and are applied by contemporary Americans. Recent research strongly suggests that individuals construct their health belief systems from diverse sources of authority, including community and ethnic tradition, education, spiritual beliefs, personal experience, the influence of popular media, and perception of the goals and means of formal medicine. *Healing Logics* explores the diversity of these belief systems and how they interact—in competing, conflicting, and sometimes remarkably congruent ways. This book contains essays by leading scholars in the field and a comprehensive bibliography of folklore and medicine.

The Gale Encyclopedia of Children's Health

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy is considered a confusing condition from a medical perspective. The authors of this book argue that the term should be replaced with another which reflects the truth - children abused by their parents in the medical environment.

Case Studies in Family Violence

Munchausen's Syndrome by Proxy Reconsidered

Examines topics in the field of forensic psychology, including why people commit crimes, the ways that psychologists and prisoners work together, and how to go about becoming a forensic psychologist.

The Spectrum of Factitious Disorders

Arranged alphabetically, each volume provides in-depth coverage of pediatric diseases and disorders, along with issues related to physical and cognitive/behavioral development.

Neurological Differential Diagnosis

Forensic Psychiatry

100 Cases in Psychiatry presents 100 scenarios commonly seen in the hospital and community setting. The patient's history and examination are described, with questions on the diagnosis and management of each case. The answer includes a detailed discussion on each topic, providing an essential revision aid as well as a practical guide for students and junior doctors. Making clinical decisions is one of the most important and difficult parts of training to become a doctor, and the area of mental health presents its own unique challenges. These cases will help students and junior doctors to recognize important medical conditions in psychiatry, and to develop their diagnostic and management skills. It covers common conditions are covered including depression, anxiety, psychosis, alcohol dependence, dementia, autism, mania, self-harm and anorexia.

Core Psychiatry E-Book

Healing Logics

Making a psychiatric diagnosis in children can be challenging: some clinicians say the incidence of some childhood disorders, such as bipolar disorder and ADHD, is over-diagnosed while others saying they are undiagnosed, undertreated, and are a large burden on society. The drug treatment of child psychiatric disorders can also be controversial in children and adolescents. This book fulfills the need for an objective, clinically relevant source to dispel this confusion. Clinical Child Psychiatry is a textbook of current clinical practice in child and adolescent psychiatry. It is designed as a reference for clinicians that is both easily usable and authoritative, a "chairside" reference for the consultation room. This book addresses a defined series of clinical entities that represent the bulk of current treatment modalities and disorders encountered in 21st century practice. It is authoritative in the areas addressed while at the same time being rapidly accessible in format. To facilitate access, it presents disorders in declining order of frequency. The authors believe that worthwhile clinical work must be informed by both evidence-based practice and by psychiatry's traditional attention to internal and interpersonal dynamics. They are committed to an approach that is broadly biopsychosocial while based on

current clinical evidence for a pragmatic, clinical focus. The book is divided into four sections. The first, Fundamentals of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Practice, addresses assessment, treatment modalities, and planning. Common Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Disorders and Developmental Disorders cover the diagnosis and treatment of the large majority of disease entities encountered in practice. The final section, Special Problems in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, includes a variety of topics such as foster care and adoption, loss and grief, and forensics. The book also includes: New evidence relating to the areas of depression, psychosis, trauma. New insights from genetics, genomics, and proteomics cleverly integrated into chapters on the individual disease with focus on their clinical application. New chapter on consultation and collaboration within systems of care The book addresses a need for clinicians, many of whom are beginners, non-psychiatrists, or psychiatrists entering unfamiliar territory, to come up to speed rapidly in providing more than perfunctory service to needy populations. This challenge grows ever greater. The book has a companion website with questions to facilitate learning.

Sickened

A new edition of a highly successful, award winning textbook for trainee psychiatrists, covering in one volume all the subjects required for the new MRCPsych and similar exams. Written in a highly engaging manner, it will also prove invaluable to qualified psychiatrists who need to keep up-to-date with the latest developments, as well as clinical psychologists, general practitioners, psychiatric nurses and senior medical students Concise yet comprehensive, Core Psychiatry reflects the latest developments in the curriculum plus all that is new and essential in clinical practice and the sciences that underpin it. It includes new information on the new Mental Capacity Act and Mental Health Act as well as enhanced sections on psychopharmacology, old age psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, forensic psychiatry and rehabilitation. The book also makes reference to the latest NICE guidelines and includes new sections on sleep medicine and trauma psychiatry. New edition of a popular MRCPsych curriculum based text Previous edition 'Highly Commended' (Mental Health category) in the BMA Awards 2005 Contains useful summary boxes, lists and key points to make last minute learning easy Comprehensive and authoritative resource written by contributors to ensure complete accuracy and currency of specialist information Chapters prepared by specialists working in conjunction with trainees - content totally up-to-date and jointly written by authors who have recently been in the exam situation Contains the latest findings in sleep medicine and trauma psychiatry Expanded section on psychology - including social psychology - to reflect the latest MRCPsych examination format Text updated in full to reflect the new Mental Capacity Act and Mental Health Act Relevant chapters now contain a 'skills and competency' section to reflect changes in MRCPsych curriculum Updating and amendments to improve coverage of old age psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, forensic psychiatry and rehabilitation Contains reference to the latest NICE guidelines in boxes and tables Enhanced discussion of the use of the best current management options, both pharmacological and psychotherapeutic, the latter including CBT, DBT, EMDR and psychodynamic group,

couple and family therapy.

Hurting for Love

Medical Child Abuse

Jenny's two-year battle with breast cancer was an inspiring lesson for all who knew her. Despite her progressive weakness and dramatic hair and weight loss, this courageous young woman managed to maintain a positive outlook, determined to make the most of what little time was left to her. And through it all, Jenny's family, friends, and coworkers lavished sympathy and attention on her, doing all they could to make her life as comfortable as possible. But gradually, as an intricate web of deceit unraveled, it became horribly clear to everyone that Jenny's illness was nothing but an elaborate hoax. Jenny's story is just one of the riveting accounts of factitious disorders vividly portrayed in *Patient or Pretender*. Recounting fascinating case histories, psychiatrists Marc D. Feldman and Charles V. Ford take us on a journey into the lives and minds of people whose craving for attention leads them to fake illnesses, sometimes to the point of death. The extremes to which some lactitious patients will go defy the imagination and often medical knowledge as well. We read of people who inject themselves with bacteria to induce infections, who bleed themselves to produce anemia, who eat rat poison whatever it takes to gain admission to a hospital. Others fabricate emotional symptoms, such as extreme depression, or engage in outlandish behavior to feign psychosis. We also read of people with Munchausen's syndrome, "professional patients" whose lives are spent traveling from hospital to hospital often successfully duping doctors into performing dangerous and expensive diagnostic and surgical procedures. Even more disturbing are the shocking tales of mothers with Munchausen by Proxy, who deliberately induce illnesses in their children in order to elicit sympathy or to play the role of heroic caregiver. Drs. Feldman and Ford recount these stories with compassion, offering profound insights into the workings of the bruised psyches of these "disease forgers." We learn about what compels these people to take extraordinary risks to obtain sympathy and emotional fulfillment. In addition, we learn about the warning signs that doctors look for and the various approaches to treatment. The authors also explore the toll taken on the family, friends, and health professionals who provide these "great pretenders" with emotional, medical, and financial support, as well as the enormous cost to society at large in unnecessary health costs. Above all, *Patient or Pretender* offers us profound insights into the human condition and a painful reminder of the universal need for love and recognition that informs so much of who we are and what we do.

Contours of Ableism

Psychological Abstracts

This collection of intriguing stories offers profound insights into medical history. It highlights what all health professionals should know about the career path they have chosen. Each chapter presents a number of fascinating tales of legendary medical innovators, diseases that changed history, insightful clinical sayings, famous persons and their illnesses, and epic blunders made by physicians and scientists. The book relates the stories in history to what clinicians do in practice today and is ideal reading for physicians, residents, medical students and all clinicians.

Forensic Psychology For Dummies

New York Times bestselling crime writer John Glatt tells the true story of Lacey Spears, the mommy blogger obsessed with medicine who poisoned her own son while he was in the hospital.

The Vulva

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Can NGOs Make a Difference?

This book offers a comprehensive, detailed examination of MBPS. Written by leading authorities, it covers all known clinical, medical, psychological, social and legal aspects of the disorder, including detection, dynamics, treatment, and clinical management. Based on their own experiences evaluating and treating these patients, the authors present an innovative theory of the disorder as a form of imposturing. Detailed psychological test data on a group of MBPS mothers are presented for the first time to enhance our understanding of the cognitive and psychological makeup of parents who fabricate illness in their children. The text also contains a thoughtful discussion of the larger social context of women in our society and in our medical institutions--a discussion crucial to our understanding of why MBPS is predominantly a disorder of women.

Munchausen by Proxy

The author provides the reader with criminal histories and empirical evidence that seem to support her analysis that in many cases female serial killers are killing, in part, as a result of their victimization by a patriarchal society.

White Coat Tales

Parental alienation is an important phenomenon that mental health professionals should know about and thoroughly understand, especially those who work with children, adolescents, divorced adults, and adults whose parents divorced when they were children. In this book, the authors define parental alienation as a mental condition in which a child - usually one whose parents are engaged in a high- conflict divorce - allies himself or herself strongly with one parent (the preferred parent) and rejects a relationship with the other parent (the alienated parent) without legitimate justification. This process leads to a tragic outcome when the child and the alienated parent, who previously had a loving and mutually satisfying relationship, lose the nurture and joy of that relationship for many years and perhaps for their lifetimes. We estimate that 1 percent of children and adolescents in the U.S. experience parental alienation. When the phenomenon is properly recognized, this condition is preventable and treatable in many instances. The authors of this book believe that parental alienation is not simply a minor aberration in the life of a family, but a serious mental condition. Because of the false belief that the alienated parent is a dangerous or unworthy person, the child loses one of the most important relationships in his or her life. This book contains much information about the validity, reliability, and prevalence of parental alienation. It also includes a comprehensive international bibliography regarding parental alienation with more than 600 citations. In order to bring life to the definitions and the technical writing, several short clinical vignettes have been included. These vignettes are based on actual families and real events, but have been modified to protect the privacy of both the parents and children.

Patient Or Pretender

Since the publication of the first edition in 1991, there has been substantial progress in our understanding of the etiology and associated features of domestic violence. As in the first edition, this book elucidates and highlights the complex multidisciplinary issues facing clinicians who work with family violence cases. Each chapter combines two illustrative cases with a broader discussion of the issues that are encountered by clinicians working with families that engage in abuse or neglect.

Healing the Soul Wound

Can non-governmental organisations contribute to more socially just, alternative forms of development? Or are they destined to work at the margins of dominant development models determined by others? Addressing this question, this book brings together leading international voices from academia, NGOs and the social movements. It provides a comprehensive update to the NGO literature and a range of critical new directions to thinking and acting around the challenge of development alternatives. The book's originality comes from the wide-range of new case-study material it presents, the conceptual approaches it offers for thinking about development alternatives, and the practical suggestions for

NGOs. At the heart of this book is the argument that NGOs can and must re-engage with the project of seeking alternative development futures for the world's poorest and more marginal. This will require clearer analysis of the contemporary problems of uneven development, and a clear understanding of the types of alliances NGOs need to construct with other actors in civil society if they are to mount a credible challenge to disempowering processes of economic, social and political development.

Neurologic-Psychiatric Syndromes in Focus - Part II

This step-by-step guide will help you identify and manage cases of this unique form of child maltreatment! Munchausen by proxy (MBP) is a dangerous kind of maltreatment in which a caretaker deliberately and repeatedly exaggerates, fabricates, and/or induces a health problem or problems in someone under his or her care. Munchausen by Proxy: Identification, Intervention, and Case Management is the first book to walk you step-by-step through a suspected MBP maltreatment case from suspicion onward. This skills-based, practical book contains a thorough, up-to-date overview of MBP and includes suggestions for identifying and reporting to child protection agencies, investigating and gathering evidence, and legal and court procedures. Its easy readability and immediate applicability make this text a valuable tool in identifying and preventing this form of child abuse. Munchausen by Proxy is divided into three parts. The first covers the definition of MBP, the role of the perpetrator and victim, and the ethical issues affecting professionals, patients, and family. Part two addresses case work from initial suspicions through the investigative and confirmation/disconfirmation process. The third section is dedicated to case planning and case management once MBP has been confirmed, including intervention, immediate child protection, and legal activities. Those involved in a suspected or confirmed MBP case will learn about: the limits of the DSM-IV as applied to MBP perpetrator-consistent characteristics the MBP situational suspicion indicators the inappropriateness of risk assessment tools developed for other forms of maltreatment the danger when MBP perpetrators realize they are under suspicion and more! This volume is generously enhanced with case examples, sample forms, figures, and representative management plans. In Munchausen by Proxy, authors Lasher and Sheridan—experts in MBP and child protection—have come together to fill the gap in the libraries of anyone who may become involved with a MBP case. This includes child welfare professionals and staff, law enforcement, school personnel, health care practitioners, judges and lawyers, and social workers.

Parental Alienation and Factitious Disorder by Proxy Beyond DSM-5: Interrelated Multidimensional Diagnoses

Addressing common misconceptions concerning the dermatologic composition and assessment of vulvular skin, this book is a unique compilation of current research and information on the anatomy, physiology, toxicology, microbiology, and

diagnosis of the vulva and surrounding anatomical structures. A must-have source for anyone treating female patients, this source considers age and ethnicity factors and analyzes a wide range of symptoms, skin conditions, and diseases that physicians may encounter when caring for female patients.

The Century of the Child

In this fierce and lyrical memoir, Gregory takes readers inside the hidden world of child abuse called Munchausen by Proxy--with a power rivaling "Girl, Interrupted" and "A Child Called "It."

The American Journal of Forensic Psychology

All the tips and tools you need to start, grow, and sustain a successful forensic psychology practice Getting Started in Forensic Psychology Practice is the first book of its kind aimed at those mental health professionals and recent graduates interested in entering the growing and lucrative field of forensic psychology. User-friendly and full of helpful tips, this handy guide provides you with tools and techniques for starting a thriving forensic psychology practice, or incorporating a forensic specialty into your current practice. This comprehensive resource includes information on: * The difference between clinical and forensic practice * Advantages and disadvantages of forensic practice * Preparing for forensic psychological practice * Planning a forensic psychology business * How to market your practice * What lawyers look for in forensic psychologists as expert witnesses> * Ethics, professional competence, and risk management issues * Performing evaluations * Testifying in court and depositions In addition, Getting Started in Forensic Psychology Practice also features several helpful appendices that include sample evaluations and reports, as well as detailed discussions of child custody evaluation and assessment. Covering everything from advice on how to dress for court to major concerns such as the problems of insanity defenses, Getting Started in Forensic Psychology Practice puts the best solutions and information at your fingertips. Whether you're a recent graduate or a seasoned practitioner, this invaluable resource will help you minimize the uncertainty of establishing your forensic practice while maximizing the rewards.

Parental Alienation, DSM-5, and ICD-11

100 Cases in Psychiatry

Using Munchausen's Syndrome by Proxy / Factitious Disorder by Proxy and Parental Alienation as exemplars, this book advances a new diagnostic category for addressing complex pathological phenomena that integrates individual

characteristics and symptoms, family as well as other system dynamics, under one diagnosis. The author examines why current diagnostic categories within the DSM-5 are inadequate and provides a framework for this new category—Interrelated Multidimensional Diagnosis—to better capture the complexity of MSBP / FDBP and Parental Alienation. The book begins with case studies and other examples to make the material accessible, and then proposes step-wise processes of examining family systems to determine if the phenomena exist to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty. After new diagnostic process and criteria are provided, several interventions and recommendations for treatment are offered in a novel way that attends to the core aspects of these pathologies. This text will provide practitioners, professionals, and researchers with a unique vantage point from which to understand and treat these pathologies.

My Sweet Angel

Factitious disorder presents one of the most challenging variants of psychopathology in medicine. The Spectrum of Factitious Disorders is the first book for professionals to offer a comprehensive overview of current thinking about patients who feign or induce illness -- in themselves or others -- to accrue the intangible benefits of the "sick" role. Attempts to influence factitious patients' behavior have been largely unsuccessful. This volume covers innovative techniques for treating such patients, stressing the need to treat them with acceptance and understanding. First-person accounts are used to illustrate the intense feelings mobilized in friends, family members, caregivers, and patients themselves as factitious disorders play out. The book also presents a management approach that emphasizes respect for the patient, no matter what the symptomatology. Using abundant case material, this revolutionary work aids mental health practitioners in understanding the phenomenon of "disease-forgery" and addresses its inherent management challenges. Notable contributors provide relevant information on ethical and legal issues in factitious disorders. The clinical features, detection, and management of factitious disorder by proxy are explored, along with comprehensive psychosocial assessment and legal issues in such cases.

Munchausen by Proxy Syndrome

After a period in which neurology and psychiatry have become more and more defined, neurologists' interest in psychiatric topics, and vice versa, has increased. This book provides readers with an overview of the most representative neuropsychiatric syndromes such as Ganser and Capgras syndromes. It fills an existing gap in current literature and reintroduces a clinical approach. Additionally, there is a historical perspective throughout time with a focus on the most relevant clinical syndromes, offering distinct value to readers. With this approach, the book serves as a useful and stimulating guide on the diagnosis and management of neurologic psychiatric syndromes. It is for neurologists, neurosurgeons, psychiatrists, and all others interested in neuropsychiatric topics because these syndromes also called

'uncommon' may in fact be more frequent than the literature suggests.

The Female Serial Murderer

Challenging notions of what constitutes 'normal' and 'pathological' bodies, this ambitious, agenda-setting study theoretically reinvigorates disability studies by reconceptualising it as 'studies of ableism' focusing on the practices and formations of able-bodiedness to uncover what it means to be 'able' rather than 'disabled'.

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