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The Abraham Dilemma A divine delusion

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The Abraham Dilemma: A Divine Delusion focuses on the topic of religious delusion - on the disorder's causes, contents, consequences, diagnosis and treatment. The title argues that we cannot understand a religious delusion without appreciating three facts. One is that religiosity or spirituality is a part of human nature, whether it takes theistic or non-theistic forms. Another is that religious delusion is something to which we are all vulnerable. The third is that the delusion is not best understood by reducing it to brain chemistry, or by insisting that it is empirically false. It is best understood by examining its harmful personal and moral consequences - consequences that nearly unfolded when the biblical patriarch Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac in response to a command, he thought, from God.

The actor's brain Exploring the cognitive neuroscience of free will

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Is free will just an illusion? What is it in the brain that allows us to pursue our own actions and objectives? What is it about this organ that permits seemingly purposeful behaviour, giving us the impression we are free? This resource takes a journey into the brain to examine what is about known voluntary behaviour, and why it can go wrong.

Acute and Critical Care Echocardiography

Claire Colebourn and Jim Newton (eds)

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This is a comprehensive practical guide to the practice of the new subspecialty of critical care echocardiography. The text covers all aspects of clinical practice and describes how to use transthoracic echocardiography to approach and manage common clinical questions.

Specific emphasis is placed on the appropriate use of clinical echocardiographic data in the context of the patient's critical illness; this is illustrated by the frequent use of case studies including both still and moving echocardiographic images. The text covers assessment of, and disorders affecting, the left and right heart, including shock and sepsis. It also looks at how to interpret diastolic information during critical illness and the effect of that illness on valve disease and function. The important subject of fluid responsiveness is explored in detail, as is the influence of organ support and illness on the diagnosis of cardiac tamponade. The information given in the text is summarized using algorithms in a field guide for the critical care echocardiographer, which also provides a rapid guide to assessing time-critical patient presentations.

Acute and Emergent Events in Sleep Disorders

Sudhansu Chokroverty and Pradeep Sahota (eds)

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This resource provides information for the management of disorders occurring during sleep and brings greater awareness to the treatment of sleep disorders, as well as treatments of neurological, medical, and psychiatric disorders.

Acute Pain (Oxford Pain Management Library)

Lesley Bromley and Brigitta Brandner (eds)

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This title covers the fundamentals of pain, the pharmacology of drugs used, and summarises the current evidence base for the management of acute pain.

Addiction and Weakness of Will

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This thought-provoking resource presents an original philosophical analysis bringing together addiction and weakness of will. The author develops an integrated account of these two phenomena, rooted in a classical conception of akrasia as valuing without intending and at the same time intending without valuing. This fascinating and suggestive account addresses a number of paradoxes faced by current thinking about addiction and weakness of will, in particular the significance of control and intention for responsible action. *Addiction and Weakness of Will* makes an original contribution to central issues in moral psychology

and philosophy of action, including the relationship between responsibility and intentional agency, and the nature and scope of moral appraisal.

Addiction in the Older Patient

Maria Sullivan and Frances Levin (eds)

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Addictive disorders in older adults are underdiagnosed and undertreated. An important reason for this lack of recognition of a serious health problem is a paucity of clinical knowledge about how such disorders present in this population. The presentation for alcohol and substance use disorders in the elderly can be confusing, given the metabolic changes and concurrent conditions associated with aging, together with interactions between alcohol and prescribed psychoactive drugs. Further, screening instruments have not been validated for this population. Brief interventions may be effective but should take into account contextual needs such as medical conditions, cognitive decline, and mobility limitations. Treatment strategies, including detoxification regimens, need to be modified for older patients and - in the case of opioid dependence - must address the management of chronic pain in this population. Ironically, benzodiazepines are the most frequently prescribed psychoactive medication in the elderly, despite older individuals' greater sensitivity to side effects and toxicity. Older women are at particularly heightened vulnerability for iatrogenic dependence on sedatives and hypnotics. More clinical research data are needed to inform screening and referral strategies, behavioral therapies, and pharmacological treatment. At the same time, emerging technologies such as communication tools and monitoring devices offer important opportunities to advance addiction treatment and recovery management in older adults. Although research to date has been limited in this population, recent data suggest that treatment outcomes are equal or better to those seen in younger cohorts.

Addiction Medicine

John B. Saunders, Katherine M. Conigrave, Noeline C. Latt, David J. Nutt, E. Jane Marshall, Walter Ling, and Susumu Higuchi (eds)

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Addiction Medicine is a concise and practical guide for students and practitioners of medicine, nursing, and other health professions. It provides practical information and clinical management advice for all who are involved in the care of persons with alcohol and other substance use disorders, and also behavioural and electronic addictions such as gambling and Internet use. The second edition of Addiction Medicine comprises 27 chapters and is in easy-to-read handbook form. The first three chapters cover the nature of addictive disorders, the epidemiology of psychoactive substance use, and the pharmacology of the major substance groups. Principles of diagnosis and management

(including emergency situations) are then described. There follow chapters on the major substance groups, which present a comprehensive account of the clinical features, diagnosis, and management of disorders related to specific substances. The chapters cover tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, opioids, sedative-hypnotics, psychostimulants, hallucinogens and dissociative drugs, miscellaneous forms of substance use, and polydrug and injecting drug use. New chapters in the second edition cover the electronic and behavioural addictions, with specific chapters for gambling and on-line/electronic gaming. The remainder of the book covers the management of addictive disorders experienced by specific groups and in specific circumstances and settings, together with a summary of ethical and legal issues. The final chapter comprises a series of resources which cover diagnostic criteria for addictive disorders and practical tools to aid management, including screening and assessment questionnaires and withdrawal scales.

ADHD and Hyperkinetic Disorder

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This online resource serves as a concise and practical guide to the management of ADHD and Hyperkinetic disorder. It provides a user-friendly introduction to the clinical understanding, evaluation, and treatment of ADHD. This edition has been updated to include new DSM-5 diagnostic criteria as of May 2013, and to reflect more published studies on ADHD in the adult population, along with new data on the CNS stimulant drug LDX (Lisdexamfetamine Dimesylate).

ADHD and Its Many Associated Problems

Christopher Gillberg

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This book on ADHD is a first in that it is aimed both at clinicians across the board of medicine — child psychiatrists, pediatricians, child neurologists, adult and forensic psychiatrists, GPs and clinical psychologists and other specialists working with individuals with behavior or cognitive problems