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Addiction in the Older Patient

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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.

Cognitive Impairment and Depression in Older Patients

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Depression, mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and dementia in the elderly can present with similar features such as cognitive complaints, loss of initiative, and difficulties with psychosocial functioning. These can be difficult to distinguish in the office setting, especially when mild in severity. The relationships between the three syndromes remains incompletely understood. Patients with MCI are at high risk for conversion to dementia.

Depression may be either a risk factor for or early manifestation of MCI. Depression in late life is associated with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and other dementias, but the causal relationship remains controversial. Depression may also increase the risk of conversion from MCI to dementia and be more strongly associated with conversion to Vascular dementia (VaD) than to AD. This book will provide guidance to clinicians in the diagnosis and management of these complex conditions in the office setting.

Emergencies in Mental Health Nursing

Patrick Callaghan (ed.)

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This resource provides a practical, accessible guide for mental health nurses confronted with emergencies so as to enable them to manage these emergencies in a therapeutic, safe and legally proper manner. As with all emergencies, the immediate care of patients with mental health problems must be simple and quick, and so this resource comprises easy to read bulleted short notes with an emphasis on establishing the diagnosis while maintaining a high index of suspicion.

Emergencies in Psychiatry

Basant Puri and Ian Treasaden

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This is a practical and problem-orientated accessible guide for those who have to deal with psychiatric emergencies. It contains guidance on how to assess and manage these emergencies and how to manoeuvre successfully through the practical difficulties that may arise, whilst also avoiding medical, psychiatric, and legal pitfalls.

Fitness for WorkThe Medical Aspects

Keith T Palmer, Ian Brown, and John Hobson (eds)

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The fifth edition of this established resource provides comprehensive and practical guidance on the effects of medical conditions on employment and working capability. Every significant medical problem is covered, including sickness absence, health promotion, and fitness for work and cancer. Legal and ethical aspects are also addressed.

Geriatric Psychiatry

Mark D. Miller and LalithKumar K. Solai

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This resource comprehensively and definitively addresses geriatric psychiatry, focusing on depression, dementia, anxiety as well as managing the caregivers. Additional chapters cover psychotherapy, legal issues, alcohol and drug use, and chronic pain management.

How to Pass the MRCPsych CASC

Andrew Iles, Rose Woodall, and Flavia Leslie

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This resource combines practical information with invaluable suggestions of how one might phrase particular questions and direct the conversation during the client interview. It confidently summarises history-taking, mental state examination, clinical management, risk management, diagnostic criteria as well as key clinical guidelines. It also includes a large bank of mock examination scenarios for candidates to practice. As part of the Oxford Specialty Training series, it complements and cross-references to key titles in the field of psychiatry.

Late-Life Mood Disorders

Helen Lavretsky, Martha Sajatovic, and Charles Reynolds III (eds)

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This resource contains a comprehensive review of the current research advances in late life mood disorders. This detailed review reflects the new understanding of neurobiology and psychosocial origins of geriatric mood disorders in the first decade of the 21st Century and is provided by the international group of leading experts in the field.

OSH Old Age Psychiatry

Bart Sheehan, Salman Karim, and Alistair Burns

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This title covers the scientific, clinical and service background for practitioners involved in the care of older people with psychiatric disorders.

Oxford Textbook of Old Age Psychiatry

Tom Dening and Alan Thomas (eds)

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Taking a global approach by highlighting both the common burdens and the differences in management from country to country, The Oxford Textbook of Old Age Psychiatry, Second Edition includes information on all the latest improvements and changes in the field. New chapters are included to reflect the development of old age care; covering palliative care, the ethics of caring, and living and dying with dementia. Existing chapters have also been revised and updated throughout and additional information is included on brain stimulation therapies, memory clinics and services, and capacity, which now includes all mental capacity and decision making.