

## The Mental Status Examination In Neurology 4th Edition

Americans are living longer, and the elder population is growing larger. To meet the ongoing need for quality information on elder health, the Encyclopedia of Aging and Public Health combines multiple perspectives to offer readers a more accurate and complete picture of the aging process. The book takes a biopsychosocial approach to the complexities of its subject. In-depth introductory chapters include coverage on a historical and demographic overview of aging in America, a guide to biological changes accompanying aging, an analysis of the diversity of the U.S. elder population, legal issues commonly affecting older adults, and the ethics of using cognitively impaired elders in research. From there, over 425 entries cover the gamut of topics, trends, diseases, and phenomena: -Specific populations, including ethnic minorities, custodial grandparents, and centenarians -Core medical conditions associated with aging, from cardiac and pulmonary diseases to Parkinson's and Alzheimer's -Mental and emotional disorders -Drugs/vitamins/alternative medicine -Disorders of the eyes, feet, and skin -Insomnia and sleep disorders; malnutrition and eating disorders -Sexual and gender-related concerns -And a broad array of social and political issues, including access to care, abuse/neglect, veterans' affairs, and assisted suicide Entries on not-quite-elders' concerns (e.g., midlife crisis, menopause) are featured as well. And all chapters and entries include references and resource lists. The Encyclopedia has been developed for maximum utility to clinicians, social workers, researchers, and public health professionals working with older

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adults. Its multidisciplinary coverage and scope of topics make this volume an invaluable reference for academic and public libraries.

Few subjects in medicine are so intimately connected with the history and philosophy of the human mind as insanity. Derangement of the understanding is generally considered as an effect of an organic lesion of the brain, consequently as incurable; a supposition that is, in a great number of instances, contrary to anatomical fact. The present essay will commence with an historical exposition of periodical insanity. The leading principles of our moral treatment will then be developed. Attention to these principles along will, frequently, not only lay the foundation of, but complete a cure. This successful application of moral regimen exclusively gives great weight to the supposition that, in the majority of circumstances, there is no organic lesion of the brain. By autopsy, interviews, and observational means, I have been enabled to introduce a method into the services of this hospital [Asylum de Bicetre, France], and to class my patients in a great measure according to the varieties and inveteracy of their complaints. An account of our system of interior police will finish this part of the enquiry. The last section will comprehend the principles of our medical treatment. From the original 1806 text by Philippe Pinel. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2004 APA, all rights reserved).

Mental Status Examination for Personality Disorders is for clinical students, interns, residents, and practicing professionals who want to painlessly perfect their evaluation skills. It explains how to perform and interpret a validated DSM-5 and ICD-10 mental status examination specifically designed for patients with personality disorders and demonstrated in the American Journal of Psychiatry, Psychiatry Research, Biological Psychiatry, Psychiatric Services, and Psychological Reports. Mental Status Examination for Personality Disorders then introduces

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you to 32 challenging, real-life patients who were given the same mental status examination. They tell you their stories as if you were their personal clinician and you diagnose their problems. You will learn from patients with Borderline, Narcissistic, Histrionic, Avoidant, Dependent, Obsessive-Compulsive, Schizoid, Schizotypal, Paranoid, Passive-Aggressive, Antisocial, and Psychopathic Personalities plus Conduct Disorder and Bipolar Disorder, Major Depression, Substance Use Disorders, and other conditions that masquerade as personality disorders. American Psychiatric Association (DSM-5) and World Health Organization (ICD-10) codes are explained in detail. Every step of the diagnostic thinking process is explained, so that when you see a difficult personality disordered patient in the emergency room, hospital, clinic, private office, or forensic setting, you will know just what to do. Mental Status Examination for Personality Disorders explains the nature of each personality disorder and how to interview and treat patients with personality disorders in clinical settings. The text explains the Personality Inventory Scales, an evaluation tool for personality disorders, and The Card Test Cognitive Examination that measures attention, language, memory, abstract thinking, and sequential thinking (executive function). You receive model interview scripts and questionnaires for your patients to fill out in advance. Specialized information on defenses, coping strategies, cognitive deficits, and the best therapeutic techniques for patients with each personality disorder are provided in each case. A large section on Resources completes the volume. Time is precious for clinicians—we care for our patients, meet with their families, attack mountains of paperwork, and complete the requirements of our ongoing education. Diagnostic skill is essential for our success. Let's get started now!

The Folstein mini-mental state examination (MMSE) is the most widely used screening test of

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cognition in older adults. The Standardized mini-mental state examination (SMMSE) provides clear, explicit administration and scoring guidelines.

Since the publication of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report Clinical Practice Guidelines We Can Trust in 2011, there has been an increasing emphasis on assuring that clinical practice guidelines are trustworthy, developed in a transparent fashion, and based on a systematic review of the available research evidence. To align with the IOM recommendations and to meet the new requirements for inclusion of a guideline in the National Guidelines Clearinghouse of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), American Psychiatric Association (APA) has adopted a new process for practice guideline development. Under this new process APA's practice guidelines also seek to provide better clinical utility and usability. Rather than a broad overview of treatment for a disorder, new practice guidelines focus on a set of discrete clinical questions of relevance to an overarching subject area. A systematic review of evidence is conducted to address these clinical questions and involves a detailed assessment of individual studies. The quality of the overall body of evidence is also rated and is summarized in the practice guideline. With the new process, recommendations are determined by weighing potential benefits and harms of an intervention in a specific clinical context. Clear, concise, and actionable recommendation statements help clinicians to incorporate recommendations into clinical practice, with the goal of improving quality of care. The new practice guideline format is also designed to be more user friendly by dividing information into modules on specific clinical questions. Each module has a consistent organization, which will assist users in finding clinically useful and relevant information quickly and easily. This new edition of the practice guidelines on psychiatric evaluation for adults is the

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first set of the APA's guidelines developed under the new guideline development process. These guidelines address the following nine topics, in the context of an initial psychiatric evaluation: review of psychiatric symptoms, trauma history, and treatment history; substance use assessment; assessment of suicide risk; assessment for risk of aggressive behaviors; assessment of cultural factors; assessment of medical health; quantitative assessment; involvement of the patient in treatment decision making; and documentation of the psychiatric evaluation. Each guideline recommends or suggests topics to include during an initial psychiatric evaluation. Findings from an expert opinion survey have also been taken into consideration in making recommendations or suggestions. In addition to reviewing the available evidence on psychiatry evaluation, each guideline also provides guidance to clinicians on implementing these recommendations to enhance patient care.

Revised and updated, this practical handbook is a succinct how-to guide to the psychiatric interview. In a conversational style with many clinical vignettes, Dr. Carlat outlines effective techniques for approaching threatening topics, improving patient recall, dealing with challenging patients, obtaining the psychiatric history, and interviewing for diagnosis and treatment. This edition features updated chapters on the major psychiatric disorders, new chapters on the malingering patient and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, and new clinical vignettes. Easy-to-photocopy appendices include data forms, patient education handouts, and other frequently referenced information. Pocket cards that accompany the book provide a portable quick-reference to often needed facts.

Hundreds of thousands of students and early-career professionals have relied on this authoritative report-writing tool, now updated for DSM-5/ICD-10-CM and newer types of

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evaluations. In a convenient large-size format with lay-flat binding, the book covers nearly all areas of concern addressed in intakes, evaluations, treatment plans, progress notes, and closing summaries. The user seeking the right wording for a clinical document can skim and select from thousands of technical terms, behavioral descriptors, and standard statements. Also provided are interview questions for almost every symptomatic behavior, a huge collection of mental status questions, a reproducible Mental Status Evaluation summary form, and links to hundreds of Internet resources. The periodically updated companion website offers all the URLs from the book, the reproducible forms, and a handy reference on current psychiatric medications. New to This Edition \*A list of all psychiatric ICD-10 diagnoses (all of the codes in DSM-5, plus many more), including Z codes essential to a comprehensive biopsychosocial evaluation. \*Sample evaluation report keyed to the book's chapters. \*Sections on additional clinical issues: intimate partner violence, gender identity, human trafficking, recovery-oriented language, and more. \*Many more Internet links, including a wide variety of screening and assessment tools. See also *The Paper Office for the Digital Age, Fifth Edition*, by Edward L. Zuckerman and Keely Kolmes, which provides the essential record-keeping and risk-reduction tools that every psychotherapy practice needs.

Preceded by American Psychiatric Publishing textbook of psychiatry / edited by Robert E. Hales, Stuart C. Yudofsky, Laura Weiss Roberts. Sixth edition. 2014.

*Clinical Interviewing, Fifth Edition* blends a personal and easy-to-read style with a unique emphasis on both the scientific basis and interpersonal aspects of mental health interviewing. It guides clinicians through elementary listening and counseling skills onward to more advanced, complex clinical assessment processes, such as intake interviewing, mental status

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examination, and suicide assessment. Fully revised, the fifth edition shines a brighter spotlight on the development of a multicultural orientation, the three principles of multicultural competency, collaborative goal-setting, the nature and process of working in crisis situations, and other key topics that will prepare you to enter your field with confidence, competence, and sensitivity.

Psychiatric Nursing provides a focused, thorough introduction to psychiatric-mental health nursing, including nursing assessment and intervention of the most common mental disorders as classified in the DSM-IV. This text guides nurses in managing special populations, clarifying neurobiologic theories, and conducting psychiatric nursing evaluations. Additionally, Psychiatric Nursing presents the latest on psychotropic drugs, addresses legal and ethical concerns within psychiatric nursing, and discusses complementary and alternative therapies. Perfect for undergraduate courses, the text features: Learning Objectives Key Terms Critical Thinking Questions Case Studies Clinical Examples Care Plans Diagnostic Criteria Patient and Family Education Internet Resources Implications for Evidence-Based Practice Client Teaching Guides

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accessible for both students and practitioners. Offers guidance on how to choose and perform a large number of mental status tests, with information on selected test materials and normative values. Covers the bedside evaluation of arousal, attention, memory, language, perception, executive abilities, and other cognitive and behavioral areas. Provides an authoritative assessment and compendium of commonly used mental status scales, inventories and questionnaires. Describes relevant correlations with formal neuropsychological testing, neuroimaging, and neuropsychiatric disease. Explains how to weigh, use, and understand mental status scales and neuropsychological instruments. Discusses the meaning of cognitive symptoms and signs, and their neuroanatomical and neuropathological correlations.

The Maudsley Handbook of Practical Psychiatry has long served trainees in psychiatry, presenting them with practical and essential advice. This new edition of the orange book provides guidance on the psychiatric and neuropsychiatric examination and interviewing of adults and children not just as a central skill, but as the basis for reaching a diagnosis, formulation and defining a treatment plan. It covers special interview situations, such as dealing with specific patient reactions, and other special problems, for example, conducting a complicated assessment in cases of self-harm. The book concludes with important legal issues and is supported by helpful appendices for ready-reference. As with previous editions, this sixth edition has been revised and rewritten with the full and active involvement of a group of consultant psychiatrists and trainees, making it a highly relevant and practical handbook for all psychiatrists whether learning or refreshing their skills.

In keeping with the growing emphasis on psychiatry in the medical school

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curriculum, problem-based learning (PBL) offers students a unique patient-centred, multidisciplinary approach to study and the synthesis of knowledge. The new 2nd edition of Problem-Based Behavioral Science and Psychiatry integrates DSM-5 updates and diagnostic criteria, and is fully consistent with PBL models and methods. Building on the strengths of the popular and widely downloaded 1st edition, the 2nd edition is a clinically robust resource for both the medical and the behavioral science student. Over 40 contributors, many themselves graduates of PBL medical schools, apply problem-based learning methods to specific psychiatric disorders, general clinical issues, and bedrock physician skills such as the intake interview and treatment planning. The book's fictional case vignettes illustrated typical patient scenarios, providing real-world context for content areas, and accompanying case diagrams show the relationships between patient behaviour and underlying neurobiological structures. Each student-friendly section ends with helpful review questions. A sampling of the content areas covered:

- Childhood development and brain development.
- Major psychiatric illnesses, including personality, mood, anxiety, and psychotic disorders.
- Stress, substance abuse, and violence.
- Eating, sleep, and sexual disorders.
- Coping skills and treatment compliance.
- End-of-life care.
- PLUS chapters on cultural sensitivity, ethical concerns, and the physician/patient

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relationship. This book is ideal for first and second year medical students wanting to learn about psychiatry in the exciting context of realistic cases. It also makes an excellent prep/review text for third- and fourth-year medical students preparing for the USMLE Step 1 and 2 exams, as well as being suited to graduate students in psychology or clinical social work. Problem-Based Behavioral Science and Psychiatry encourages lifelong learning and helps build the foundation for a lifelong career.

While the ABPN has now supplied such standards for psychiatry, psychiatric interviewing instruction has not been standardized in the US or in other countries. Similarly, the few psychiatric interviewing books available are written in textbook form, often long and often from the subspecialty perspective (e.g. psychodynamic interviewing). Critically, no interviewing guides take a true biopsychosocial perspective. That is, they limit themselves to “interviewing” as an isolated technique divorced from full patient assessment, which for quality patient care must include the interface of psychological and social components with biological components. Similarly, few interviewing texts are fully integrated with DSM/ICD categorical diagnostic schemata, even though these descriptive diagnostic systems represent the very core of our clinical language—the lingua franca of the mental health professions. Without good descriptive diagnoses

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there cannot be adequate communication of clinical data among providers. The proposed book will meet this need for training in biopsychosocial assessment and diagnosis. The patient interview is at the heart of psychiatric practice. Listening and interviewing skills are the primary tools the psychiatrist uses to obtain the information needed to make an accurate diagnosis and then to plan appropriate treatment. The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the Accrediting Council on Graduate Medical Education identify interviewing skills as a core competency for psychiatric residents. The Psychiatric Interview: evaluation and diagnosis is a new and modern approach to this topic that fulfills the need for training in biopsychosocial assessment and diagnosis. It makes use of both classical and new knowledge of psychiatric diagnosis, assessment, treatment planning and doctor-patient collaboration. Written by world leaders in education, the book is based on the acclaimed Psychiatry Third Edition by Tasman, Kay et al, with new chapters to address assessment in special populations and formulation. The psychiatric interview is conceptualized as integrating the patient's experience with psychological, biological, and environmental components of the illness. This is an excellent new text for psychiatry residents at all stages of their training. It is also useful for medical students interested in psychiatry and for practicing psychiatrists who may wish to refresh their interviewing skills.

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Clifford B. Saper, Chair of Neurology at Harvard Medical School, and Nicholas D. Schiff of Weill Medical College in NY join the original authors to thoroughly update this seminal text with over 90% new material. The goal of the new edition is to provide a clinically slanted volume that will help the reader understand and diagnose severe brain dysfunction both as it exists and as it evolves in the seriously ill. The book remains a treatise on pathophysiology because recent imaging, electrophysiologic, and biochemical technologies (discussed in the book) are by themselves insufficient substitute

Contains case studies.

-- Simplified explanation of exam procedures such as assessment of level of consciousness, language acuity, memory, and attention-- Pocket card summarizes the main points to remember in assessing mental status in limited patient-contact time-- The latest DSM-IV diagnostic criteria are covered to ease filling out insurance forms-- Extraordinary number of new scientific findings about cognition that are involved with testing a patient's mental function-- Covers the refinement of testing procedures and late-1990s updating of the psychological test battery to speed up the exam-- Presents age-related norms, important when assessing the elderly for early dementia-- Reviews ways to use the exam as a screening procedure, particularly when diagnosing dementia and differentiating

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between organic and functional disorders-- The most important parts of the text are highlighted for easy review and reference

For most of human history, life expectancy was remarkably stable at about 30-40 years. Within the past 150 years, however, medical advances have virtually doubled that number. The world's elderly population is growing at 2.4% per year, faster than the rest of the population, with disproportionate increases expected to continue as newer and better treatments are found that minimize the disabilities associated with advanced age. Key to improving the health and quality of life of the elderly is understanding and treating the brain diseases and behavioral disorders that become highly prevalent with age. Geriatric neuropsychiatry is an integrative specialty that draws from many diverse fields, including psychiatry, neurology, neuroscience, and geriatrics. It provides expertise on how to distinguish normal age-related changes from those of disease and disordered brain function. Edited by two eminent practitioners and educators, this wide-ranging textbook's 41 chapters are divided into five major sections: ? Introduction to Geriatric Neuropsychiatry Introduces the field, including the epidemiology of aging and its array of interacting and accumulating disadvantages, the neurobiology of aging, and the neurobiological basis of behavior? Neuropsychiatric Assessment of the Elderly Describes how to ensure early,

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accurate diagnoses, using both the fundamental cognitive skills evaluation and the more in-depth neuropsychological evaluation; age-associated memory impairment (AAMI) and its biological bases; anatomic imaging of age-related changes in brain morphology; and the latest imaging techniques that allow visualization of brain function in vivo? Neuropsychiatric Aspects of Psychiatric Disorders in the Elderly Covers everything from affective and anxiety disorders, substance abuse, and psychoses that start late in life to sleep disorders, delirium, pain, contemporary personality psychology, mental retardation, and aggression? Neuropsychiatric Aspects of Neurological Disease in the Elderly Focuses on diseases such as nondegenerative dementing disorders, Alzheimers and Parkinsons diseases, hyperkinetic movement disorders, stroke, epilepsy, and traumatic brain injury, concluding with medical illnesses and therapies? Principles of Neuropsychiatric Treatment of the Elderly Discusses the effect of age in geriatric neuropsychopharmacology, psychopharmacology, ECT, psychosocial therapies, neuropsychiatry in nursing homes, genetic interventions, rehabilitation, ethical issues, and competency and related forensic issues Exhaustively researched and annotated, the American Psychiatric Press Textbook of Geriatric Neuropsychiatry, Second Edition provides a definitive core reference for psychiatry and neurology residents, particularly those pursuing a specialty in

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geriatrics, and for graduate students in psychology, neuropsychology, and related fields.

This comprehensive mental status examination core skills guide is an invaluable tool for all health professionals, including registered nurses, student nurses, social workers, midwives, occupational therapists, psychologists and medical doctors. The guide provides uncomplicated assessment terminology definitions that are easy to remember and integrate into each assessment you complete. The mental status examination is a methodical assessment tool used to evaluate the appearance, behavior, general manner and mental functioning of an individual. The mental status examination provides a snapshot of an individuals psychological performance capability, at any moment in time, and is considered to be a key element in the comprehensive assessment process. This guide will lead you through the mental status examination in a structured and systematic approach, providing examples and prompt questions of each key element, as you progress with your learning.

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Pocket Guide book that helps evaluate psychiatric problems

This book prepares the mental health professional to use scientific skills when

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working within a legal framework. Written by a seasoned forensic psychiatrist with decades of experience and professional honors, this text answers some of the most challenging questions psychiatrists face when mental health intersects with the courtroom. The text is supported with 34 case vignettes that demonstrate ways in which seemingly simple diagnoses have unique layers of complexities that are vital within the legal system. The resource covers topics that may not be elucidated in medical schools, including what to expect from an expert witness, how to communicate with attorneys who lack a medical background, managing opposing viewpoints, psychiatric and medical malpractice, harassment, employment status, and other difficult topics as it pertains to the law. The text also knits this understanding of forensic psychiatry with clinical knowledge, addressing violence and risk assessment, discrimination, disability evaluation, psychiatric disorders, criminal and civil competence, end-of-life care and decisions, and a wide array of medical topics that have unique concerns when placed in the context of the legal system. The Forensic Examination is a vital resource for psychiatrists, psychologists, criminal and civil defenders, and all professionals working with persons in the medicolegal system.

Dementia: Comprehensive Principles and Practice is a clinically-oriented book designed for clinicians, scientists, and other health professionals involved in the

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diagnosis, management, and investigation of disease states causing dementia. A "who's who" of internationally-recognized experts contribute chapters emphasizing a multidisciplinary approach to understanding dementia. The organization of the book takes an integrative approach by providing three major sections that (1) establish the neuroanatomical and cognitive framework underlying disorders of cognition, (2) provide fundamental as well as cutting-edge material covering specific diseases associated with dementia, and (3) discuss approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of dementing illnesses.

Psychiatric mental status examinations are part of the job of nurses, physicians, and many others in the field of mental health and addictions. In this highly accessible guide, Cheryl Webster Pollard introduces students and beginning practitioners to the skills and knowledge necessary to conduct a comprehensive examination. Fundamentals of the Psychiatric Mental Status Examination is an interactive workbook containing case studies, activities, and study questions to guide students through the process of administering the examination and documenting the information. Each chapter explores a distinct aspect of the assessment, allowing readers to focus on key areas of interest. Students will learn how to assess for potential psychopathology, psychosis, and suicidal or homicidal ideation, and will examine unique cultural and age considerations that

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may affect individual experiences. Well-suited to a wide range of disciplines, including health, nursing, social work, and occupational therapy, this workbook's practical approach and rich pedagogical content make it an ideal resource for new and aspiring practitioners in these fields.

The authors incorporate the neurologic examination into a play framework, wherein they can analyze a child's personality and development, searching for 'soft' signs of postural or motor incoordination, and for 'hard' signs of children's mental status.

Here is the revised and expanded edition of the indispensable companion for every mental health practitioner. Improved over the first edition by input and feedback from clinicians and program directors, the Psychologists' Desk Reference, Second Edition presents an even larger variety of information required in daily practice in one easy-to-use resource. Covering the entire spectrum of practice issues--from diagnostic codes, practice guidelines, treatment principles, and report checklists, to insight and advice from today's most respected clinicians--this peerless reference gives fingertip access to the entire range of current knowledge. Intended for use by all mental health professionals, the Desk Reference covers assessment and diagnosis, testing and psychometrics, treatment and psychotherapy, ethical and legal issues, practice

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management and insurance, and professional resources. Chapters have been clearly written by master clinicians and include easy-to-read checklists and tables as well as helpful advice. Filled with information psychologists use everyday, the Psychologists' Desk Reference, Second Edition will be the most important and widely used volume in the library of psychologists, social workers, and counselors everywhere. This new edition features: -Thoroughly revised chapters by the field's leaders. -29 entirely new chapters, now totaling 140. -Sections reorganized to be smaller and more specific, making topics easier to find. -A listing of valuable Internet sites in each chapter. -Increased emphasis on evidence-based practices. A companion website containing graphics, illustrations, tables, primary resources, extensive bibliographies, links to related sites, and much more.

"The book is aimed at medical students and residents, in fields from internal medicine and pediatrics to emergency medicine, surgery, neurology, neurosurgery, and psychiatry, who are likely to encounter patients with disordered states of consciousness. It includes historical background and basic neurophysiology that is important for those in the clinical neurosciences, but also lays out a practical approach to the comatose patient that is an important part of the repertoire of all clinicians who provide emergency care for patients with

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disorders of consciousness."--BOOK JACKET.

The Neuropsychiatric Mental Status Examination is a guidebook for clinical psychiatric diagnosis. The title introduces the language, technique and concepts of the phenomenology. The first part of the text covers the basic phenomenology principles; the major areas of concern in mental health diagnosis; methodology for effective diagnosis of mental pathology. Part II elaborates the topics in Part I; this part develops and reinforces the techniques, phenomenological principles of diagnosis, diagnostic criteria. The second part also presents data which aid in the delineation of mental disorders. The book will be of great interest to students of behavioral science related degrees. The text will also serve professional psychologists and psychiatrists as a reference.

A guide to the techniques and analysis of clinical data. Each of the seventeen sections begins with a drawing and biographical sketch of a seminal contributor to the discipline. After an introduction and historical survey of clinical methods, the next fifteen sections are organized by body system. Each contains clinical data items from the history, physical examination, and laboratory investigations that are generally included in a comprehensive patient evaluation. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Developed from years of teaching psychiatry to medical students and residents,

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this comprehensive text devoted solely to describing the mental status examination (MSE) fills a void in the teaching literature and will be valuable to both students first learning about the MSE and seasoned clinicians seeking an informative reference. The introductory chapter offers basic advice on interviewing patients and eliciting information. Six major sections of the MSE follow and are thoroughly described with a chapter devoted to each: Appearance, Attitude, Activity; Mood and Affect; Speech and Language; Thought Content, Thought Process, and Perception; Cognition; and Insight and Judgment. Each chapter lists a detailed definition of reference for students describing their findings, and are an insightful review even for experienced practitioners. The clinical relevance of mental status abnormalities is illustrated through frequent examples of disorders that can cause the particular signs and symptoms defined in each chapter. A final chapter describing fictional case histories with hypothetical examples of written mental status reports will be particularly useful for those learning to write such reports. This text is an important addition to the libraries of students and practitioners who work with psychiatric patients and should help to simplify and organize a challenging task.

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