DESCRIPTION

Treating individuals with a substance misuse problem can be challenging, especially if clients present with multiple problems related to the main addiction. Clinicians can feel at a loss as to where to begin, or revert to an attempt to treat underlying problems - ignoring damaging aspects of the substance misuse itself. At times referral to specialists may seem the only responsible way forward. Written by a team of clinical academics in the field of addictions, *Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy in the Treatment of Addictions* is a ready reference for clinicians that offers a brief, evidence-based, collaborative approach that starts here and now. Client and therapist embark together on a journey to tackle the problem in a practical way. The book includes session tools, worksheets and daily thought records.

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