DESCRIPTION

The renowned Principles and Practice of Geriatric Psychiatry, now in its third edition, addresses the social and biological concepts of geriatric mental health from an international perspective. Featuring contributions by distinguished authors from around the world, the book offers a distinctive angle on issues in this continually developing discipline.

Principles and Practice of Geriatric Psychiatry provides a comprehensive review of:

- geriatric psychiatry spanning both psychiatric and non-psychiatric disorders
- scientific advances in service development
- specific clinical dilemmas

New chapters on:

- genetics of aging
- somatoform disorders
- epidemiology of substance abuse
- somatoform disorders
- care of the dying patient
Continuing the practice of earlier editions, the major sections of the book address aging, diagnosis and assessment and clinical conditions, incorporating an engaging discussion on substance abuse and schizophrenic disorders. Shorter sections include the presentation of mental illness in elderly people from different cultures—one of the most popular sections in previous editions. Learning and behavioural studies, as well as models of geriatric psychiatry practice, are covered extensively. This book provides a detailed overview of the entire range of mental illness in old age, presented within an accessible format.

*Principles and Practice of Geriatric Psychiatry* is an essential read for psychiatrists, geriatricians, neurologists and psychologists. It is of particular use for instructors of general psychiatry programs and their residents.

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