

Part I: Clinical Interviewing: the Principles Behind the Art

1. The Delicate Dance: Engagement and Empathy
2. Beyond Empathy: Cornerstone Concepts and Techniques for Enhancing Engagement
3. The Dynamic Structure of the Interview: Core Tasks, Strategies and the Continuum of Open-Endedness
4. Facilics: The Art of Transforming Interviews into Conversations
5. Validity Techniques for Exploring Sensitive Material and Uncovering the Truth
6. Understanding the Person Beneath the Diagnosis: the Search for Uniqueness, Wellness and Cultural Context
7. Assessment Perspectives and the Human Matrix: Bridges to Effective Treatment Planning in the Initial Interview
8. Nonverbal Behavior: The Interview as Mime

Part II: The Interview and Psychopathology: from Differential Diagnosis to Understanding

9. Mood Disorders: How to Sensitively Arrive at a DSM-5 Differential Diagnosis
10. Interviewing Techniques for Understanding the Person Beneath the Depression
11. Psychotic Disorders: How to Sensitively Arrive at a DSM-5 Differential Diagnosis
12. Interviewing Techniques For Understanding the Person Beneath the Psychosis
13. Personality Disorders: Before the Interview Begins - Core Concepts
14. "Personality Disorders: How to Sensitively Arrive at a DSM-5 Diagnosis"
15. Understanding and Effectively Engaging People with Difficult Personality Disorders: the Psychodynamic Lens

Part III: Mastering Complex Interviewing Tasks Demanded in Everyday Clinical Practice

16. The Mental Status: How to Perform and Document It Effectively
17. Exploring Suicidal Ideation: The Delicate Art of Suicide Assessment
18. Exploring Violent and Homicidal Ideation: From Domestic Violence to Mass Murder

Part IV: Specialized Topics & Advanced Interviewing - Bonus Material Online

19. Transforming Anger, Confrontation, and Other Points of Disengagement
20. Culturally Adaptive Interviewing: The Challenging Art of Exploring Culture, Worldview and Spirituality

21. Vantage Points: Bridges to Psychotherapy

22. Motivational Interviewing (MI): A Foundation Stone in Collaborative Interviewing

23. Medication Interest Model (MIM): Moving from Mere "Adherence" to Genuine Interest and Effective Use

Glossary & Appendices

App I: Annotated Interview (Full 60-Minute Intake)

App II: The Written Document/Electronic Health Record (EHR): Effective Strategies

App IIA: Practical Tips for Creating a Good EHR/Write-Up

App IIB: Dictation Prompts and Quality Assurance Guidelines for the Written Document

App IIC: Sample Written Assessment

App IID: Initial Clinical Assessment

GL: Glossary of Interview Supervision Terms