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This medical psychology textbook (tutorial) was written owing to the need to teach foreign students in English according to the medical psychology program approved in Ukraine. Its content includes general theoretical issues (the development of medical psychology in the world and in Ukraine; the concept of mental health and illness; the bio-psycho-social approach in medicine; the main types of attitude toward a disease and their influence on the results of its treatment; etc.) and the practical aspects of medical psychology (the psychology of the treatment and diagnostic process; medical ethics and deontology; psychosomatic disorders and the approach to their treatment; psychological features of patients with various diseases; psychological aspects of addictive, suicidal behavior, thanatology and euthanasia; prevention of mental disorders and the fundamentals of psychotherapy). The textbook was written in accordance with the program approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and is designed for the students of higher medical educational institutions, doctors of various specialties, and future medical psychologists.

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Preface

Medical psychology is an increasingly expansive field. This book effectively introduces the foreign students learning in Ukraine to the vast range of issues it encompasses. Our rationale for creating this textbook was to provide a balanced approach to medical psychology in its modern Ukrainian understanding and to write the book in a professional yet clear and accessible style, including up-to-date information on all topics. Also, the text covers a broad range of topics while maintaining an adequate degree of depth. It encourages the students to appreciate issues surrounding research and assessment in psychology, the biopsychosocial model in psychology and medicine, approaches to prevention of mental disorders and to psychotherapy, and other topics. Chapter one (Introduction to Medical Psychology) is devoted to the characterization of this science in the Ukrainian understanding and to presenting its historical trends in the world and in Ukraine. Chapters two and three deal with associations between a patient's personality traits and his/her attitude toward a disease, and with the influence of a disease on the patient's mental functions. Chapters four and five concern the medical workers' psychology: professional and psychological qualities of health workers; ethics in healthcare; the emotional burnout syndrome and professional deformation in health care providers; the psychology of the diagnostic and treatment processes and some other issues. Chapters six, seven and eight discuss the psychosomatic interactions and disorders, psychologic features of therapeutic, surgical and gynaecological patients, and psychological aspects of addictions, suicidal behaviour, thanatology and euthanasia. The last, ninth chapter is devoted to the prevention of mental disorders and the basics of psychotherapy. The content of the textbook fully corresponds to the medical psychology program approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. The book is intended for the students of higher medical educational institutions, doctors of various specialties, and future medical psychologists.

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