Lysosomal Storage Disorders

The knowledge of lysosomal biology and the consequences of its dysfunction have increased dramatically in the past 60 years. Research of these disorders has moved from diseases with unknown etiology to disorders with clear and defined pathophysiology and some of them have benefited from the development of disease specific therapeutics. Lysosomal Biology and Storage Disorders describes the nature of the diseases, the historical evolution of the field and future perspectives for the treatment of these clinical entities. Organized as a textbook, Lysosomal Biology and Storage Disorders describes the nature of lysosomal dysfunction, the synthesis and targeting of lysosomal enzymes and the implications of the targeting mechanisms for the development of new therapies. Disease specific chapters provide thorough reviews of the clinical features of lysosomal storage disorders, their molecular basis and the commercial or experimental therapeutic approaches sought in this area.

Features
Describes the nature of the lysosomal dysfunction and diseases as well as potential future treatments and therapies Provides the historical evolution of the field Organized as a textbook with disease-specific chapters

Contents

Fields of interest
Human Genetics; Epidemiology; Biochemistry, general; Cell Biology

Target groups
Genetic researchers studying these diseases, researchers in biochemistry, cell biology, molecular biology who are studying these diseases from the biochemical perspective, clinical market of physicians treating such diseases, genetic testing labs and genetic counselors

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Due October 2007

HIV, resurgence infections and population change in Africa

About 30 new infectious diseases have been identified in the last 20 years. Among the "new" diseases, and most importantly, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) epidemic, with 40 million persons infected and 25 million deaths since its first description, presents one of the most significant health, societal and security challenges facing the global community. The interaction of HIV/AIDS with tuberculosis, malaria and bacterial infections has increased HIV-related morbidity and mortality, and in turn, the HIV pandemic has brought about devastating increases in tuberculosis. Understanding the population impact and the dynamics of infection diseases in the most affected region is critical to efforts to reduce the morbidity and mortality of such infections, and for decisions on where to use limited resources in the fight against infections. This book aims to contribute to these efforts by offering a demographic and epidemiological perspective on emerging and reemerging infections in sub-Saharan Africa.

Features
New highlights on the current burden of infectious diseases and on major trends in infectious mortality, as well as on the major determinants of infectious disease spread, such as mobility and urbanization, governance, health care systems, poverty and social exclusion

Contents
From the contents Preface. Introduction.- PART I. Trends and diseases.- PART II. HIV and its impact.

Fields of interest
Demography; Epidemiology

Target groups
Academics, researchers and graduate students in public health, epidemiology, medicine, demography, economy and other social sciences

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Due October 2007

Public Health Aspects of HIV/AIDS in Developing Countries

Epidemiology, Prevention and Care

It has now been 25 years since the apocalyptic report in the CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report dated June 5, 1981 titled, "Pneumocystis Pneumonia -&nbsp;Los Angeles," which announced what was to become HIV/AIDS. HIV has now affected virtually all countries that have looked for it and has had a devastating impact on the public health and medical care infrastructure around the world. HIV/AIDS has also disproportionately affected nations with the least capacity to confront it, especially the developing world nations in Sub-Saharan Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and the emerging republics of Eastern and Central Asia. The pandemic, unlike any other disease of our time, has had profound impacts on the practice of public health itself: bringing affected communities into decision making; demanding North-South partnerships and collaborations; and changing the basic conduct of clinical and prevention trials research. While much has been written in scholarly publications for medical, epidemiological [...] 

Features
Organized by region, compares approaches across countries Contributors are local experts on HIV/AIDS prevention

Contents
Part I: Introduction.- Preface.-&nbsp;Focus on where HIV epidemics occur and local and global responses.-&nbsp;Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS in the Developing World: Sex, Drugs, and Needle.-&nbsp;HIV Prevention Needs: Primary Prevention and Prevention for Positives.- HIV/AIDS Care: The minimum package and scaling up.-&nbsp;HIV/AIDS and Public Health: How the pandemic has shaped the response.- Part II: South and Southeast Asia.-&nbsp;China.-&nbsp;Thailand: -&nbsp;Myanmar.-&nbsp;Malaysia.-&nbsp;India.- Part III: Sub-Saharan Africa.-&nbsp;Nigeria and West Africa.-&nbsp;Uganda and East Africa.-&nbsp;Southern [...] 

Fields of interest
Health Care Administration; Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; Epidemiology

Target groups
Researchers and professionals in HIV/AIDS, global health, public health, public health policy

Type of publication
Professional book

Due May 2008


69,30 €

J.A. Barranger, University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA; M. Cabrera, Genzyme Corporation, Framingham, MA, USA (Eds.)

M. Carael, Free University of Brussels, Belgium; J.R. Glynn, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK (Eds.)

D. Celentano, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA; C. Beyrer, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA (Eds.)
This book establishes a systematic small area approach to the study of health disparities, based on the integration of geospatial databases, census tract geography and GIS. While recognizing the past failures of health care policies to fully address the often egregious disparities within the U.S. and other nations, the opportunity now exists to advance our understanding, improvement and, perhaps ultimately, elimination of these long-standing imbalances. The contributions of this book are scholarly and original work that incorporate GIS and related spatial analytic methods to pursue issues of health disparity at census tract geography. The objectives of this book are to: - continue the growing science worldwide on socio-economic and health inequalities - provide evidence of the pivotal role of small area analysis for GIS and policy makers - build a valid basis for employing census tract and comparable geographic scale - demonstrate replicable methods of space-time measurement and GIS [...] Features Cancer survivorship and work is a burgeoning area of research as an increasing number of cancer patients are surviving for the long term. Eighty percent of cancer survivors return to work. This is the first authoritative and interdisciplinary compilation of chapters written by experts to help move research and practice forward in the important area of work and cancer survivorship. This book is an edited volume with [...] Contents Section I Introduction.- Chapter 1 Work in cancer survivors.- Section II Epidemiology.- Chapter 2 Descriptive epidemiology of return to work and work limitations: Prevalence and patterns among various cancer types.- Chapter 3 Qualitative studies of work in cancer survivors.- Chapter 4 Factors impacting work.- Chapter 5. Burden of work: Economic analyses.- Section III Models.- Chapter 6 Models of work and cancer survivors.- Section IV Measurement.- Chapter 8 Methods used to measure work productivity in chronic illness.- Section V Management.- Focus on survivor.- Chapter 10 Assessment of [...] Fields of interest Geoinformation/Cartography; Health Informatics & Health Administration; Health Care Administration; Statistics for Life Sciences, Medicine, Health Sciences; Demography; Human Geography Target groups Public health policymakers and practitioners; private sector public-health organizations; researchers, teachers, and students in public health Type of publication Monograph Due February 2008
Public Health Behind Bars

From Prisons to Communities

Projecting correctional facility-based health care into the community arena, Public Health Behind Bars: From Prisons to Communities examines the burden of illness in the growing prison population, and analyzes the considerable impact on public health as prisoners are released. More than forty practitioners, researchers, and scholars in correctional health, mental health, law, and public policy make a timely case for correctional health care that is humane for those incarcerated and beneficial to the communities they reenter. These authors offer affirmative recommendations toward that evolutionary step. Chapter authors identify the most compelling health problems behind bars (including communicable disease, mental illness, addiction, and suicide), pinpoint systemic barriers to care, and explain how correctional medicine can shift from emergency or crisis care to primary care and prevention. In addition, strategies are outlined that link community health resources to correctional facilities so that [...] 

Features
Contributors drawn from public health, correctional health, civil rights law, and sociology

Contents
Foreword by David Satcher.- Introduction: Thirty Years Since Estelle v. Gamble.- Looking Forward, Not Wayward.- Section I: Impact of Law and Public Policy on Correctional Populations.- Impact of Incarceration on Communities, Crime and Public Health.- Litigating for Better Medical Care.- Section II: Communicable Disease.- Lethal Injection in the United States.- Section III: Systemic Barriers to Care.- Section IV: A New Evolutionary Step.- Conclusion: A Call to Action

Fields of interest
Health Care Administration; Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; Criminology & Criminal Justice; Law and Psychology; Health Administration

Type of publication
Professional book

Due November 2007

Electrical Diseases of the Heart

This book seeks to define the field of humanitarian medicine. This is the field practiced and advanced by organizations like the UN, WHO, Red Cross, Doctors without Borders, and the International Association of Humanitarian Medicine (IAHJM), which all provide medical relief in developing countries as well as war and disaster situations. Co-editors Gunn and Maselli have gathered new and previously published articles and speeches that set out the principles of humanitarian medicine, starting with the idea of health as a human right, and examining topics such as quality of life, torture, and nuclear conflict. The book takes a historical view, drawing on important treaties and conventions throughout the history of the United Nations and the World Health Organization, and paying tribute to Brock Chisholm, the first Director-General of the WHO. Contributors are all major world figures in health and human rights, including Nobel laureates Kofi Annan and Joseph Rotblat.

Features
Chapter contributors include Kofi Annan and Boutros Boutros-Ghali (current and former Secretaries-General of the UN). Also Nobel Peace Prize laureate Joseph Rotblat and co-founder of Doctors without Borders and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Xavier Emmanuelli Companion to Gunn's previous book, Understanding the Global Dimensions of Health

Contents

Fields of interest
Health Care Administration

Type of publication
Professional book

Due November 2007
Project Management for Healthcare Informatics

Nurses are constantly involved with projects; staff nurses develop plans of care, nurse managers determine projected staffing patterns, staff development instructors create courses, informatics nurses implement software applications. The project management process can be utilized to facilitate these and many other nursing projects. Project Management for Healthcare Informatics will provide an explanation of the project management process tailored for nurses through its use of real clinical examples. In the first chapters, the project management process will be described in detail along with its relationship to the phases of the project life cycle. The tools available to successfully complete each phase of the project management process and move along the project life cycle will be included. The rest of the book will be devoted to discussion on how to apply these principles in the day-to-day work of the nurse—whether manager, staff nurse, educator, researcher, or informatician. Case studies and [...] Features

No books on the currently adapt project management specifically for nurses Functions as both a student textbook and a handbook for working nurses Uses real world clinical examples

Contents

Fields of interest
Health Informatics & Health Administration; Nursing; Nursing Management/Nursing Research

Target groups
Staff nurses, nurse managers, nurse educators, staff development instructors, advance practice nurses, informatics nurses, researchers, and students

Type of publication
Professional book

Due December 2007

2008. Approx. 305 p. (Health Informatics) Hardcover

Social Capital and Health

Social Capital and Health discusses social capital—a concept that originated in the social sciences—and its application to the field of public health. The editors take care to define the concept of social capital, describe its theoretical origins, and discuss the controversies and debates surrounding the use of the concept in public health research and practice. The book provides a comprehensive “tool kit” of current approaches to measure social capital. Further, the book surveys the empirical evidence linking social capital to physical and mental health outcomes, health-related behaviors (like smoking), and aging-related outcomes.

Features
Kawachi is a well-known researcher and author in this field. The book is addressing social determinants of health which is a hot topic within Public Health. There is a growing demand for material on social capital, particularly in the applied field presented here.

Contents

Graduate/advanced undergraduate textbook

Due November 2007

54,95 € ISBN 978-0-387-71310-6
**Encyclopedia of Public Health**

The Encyclopedic Reference of Public Health presents the most important definitions, principles and general perspectives of public health, written by experts of the different fields. The work includes more than 2,500 entries in alphabetical order. Entries comprise review-style articles (Synopsis), detailed essays and short definitions. Extensive cross referencing and hyperlinking offers an easy to use web of knowledge in Public Health. Solidly structured and inclusive, this two-volume reference is an invaluable tool for clinical scientists and practitioners in academia, health care and industry, as well as students, teachers and interested laypersons.

**Fields of interest**
Health Care Administration; Medicine, general

**Target groups**
Health authorities, health economists, medical doctors

**Type of publication**
Reference work

Due May 2008

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**Handbook of Obesity Prevention**

Comprehensive in scope and meticulously researched, Handbook of Obesity Prevention analyzes the intricate causes of this public health crisis, and sets out concrete, multilevel strategies for meeting it head-on. This innovative handbook starts by clearly defining obesity in clinical, epidemiologic, and financial terms. From there, expert contributors provide insights on current issues, methods, and controversies in the field, focusing on new opportunities for prevention, successful interventions and initiatives, and guidelines for planning and implementing programs and evaluating results. This systematic approach to large-scale social and policy change gives all parties involved - from individual practitioners to multinational corporations - the tools to set and attain realistic goals based on solid evidence and best practice in public health.

**Fields of interest**
Health practitioners, epidemiologists, researchers in obesity and health promotion and prevention, upper-level students in health promotion and disease prevention courses

**Type of publication**
Handbook

Due October 2007

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**Fields of interest**
Health Care Administration; Medicine, general

**Target groups**
Health authorities, health economists, medical doctors

**Type of publication**
Reference work

Due April 2008

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A Resource for Health Professionals

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**Type of publication**
Handbook

Due October 2007

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2008. eReference.

799.00 €

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2008. Approx. 2.000 p. (in 2 volumes, not available separately).

799.00 €
ISBN 978-1-4020-5613-0
Public Health 7

**Studying Human Populations**

N.T. Longford, De Montford University, Leicester, UK

Studying Human Populations is a textbook for graduate students and residents in social work and related subject areas. It follows a novel curriculum developed around the basic statistical activities of sampling, measurement, and inference. Statistics is defined broadly as making decisions in the presence of uncertainty that arise as a consequence of limited resources available for collecting information. A connecting link of the presented methods is the perspective of missing information, catering for a diverse class of problems that include nonresponse, imperfect measurement and causal inference. In principle, any problem is too complex for us to address is wide open, not limited by a discrete set of procedures. The monograph aims to prepare the reader for [...] Read more.

**Features**

Text for competent practitioners of statistics, not future statisticians Suitable as reference

**Contents**

- Anova and Ordinary Regression
- Maximum Likelihood Estimation
- Sampling Methods
- The Bayesian Paradigm
- Incomplete Data
- Imperfect Measurement
- Experiments and Observational Studies
- Clinical Trials
- Random Coefficients
- Generalised Linear Models
- Longitudinal and Time-Series Analysis
- Meta-Analysis and Estimating Many Quantities

**Fields of interest**

- Statistical Theory and Methods
- Epidemiology
- Psychometrics
- Biometrics
- Simulation and Modeling
- Numeric Computing

**Target groups**

Graduate students, researchers

**Type of publication**

Graduate/advanced undergraduate textbook

Due January 2008

**Health Issues Confronting Minority Men Who Have Sex with Men**

S. Loue, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, USA

Although there has been an increasing public interest in minority men who have sex with men (MSM), much of that attention has focused on HIV risk and has been concerned with lurid details of people’s sex lives. Relatively little attention has addressed the multiple health issues confronting this population, the risks that are associated with various health conditions (apart from HIV), or the innovative strategies that have been developed to address them. Each section of this edited book will be devoted to a particular health issue affecting minority MSM. Each section will consist of one or more scholarly chapters that address the particular issue, followed by a short piece from an individual associated with a nonprofit organization or public health department. In addition, each section will contain one or more writings from minority MSM regarding their experiences and/or perspective on the issue at hand. This book uniquely focuses on both gay/queer-self-identified men from diverse [...] Read more.

**Features**

- There is very little information available that explores the high risk behaviors associated with MSM from minority populations

**Contents**

- Preface
- 1. Identities
- 2. Rebirth: Evolution of A Gender
- 3. De Donde
- 4. Untitled
- 5. Childhood Sexual Abuse and its Sequelae Among Latino Gay and Bisexual Men
- 6. May and December: Dangerous Intimacies
- 7. Body Image Disturbance and its Related Disorders
- 8. Cutting
- 9. Substance Use Among Minority MSM
- 10. Homelessness Among Substance Using Minority MSM

**Fields of interest**

- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Health Care Administration
- Sexual Behavior
- Health Psychology

**Target groups**

Public health professionals, graduate students in public health, social workers

**Type of publication**

Professional book

Due January 2008

**Encyclopedia of Aging and Public Health**

S. Loue, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, USA; M. Sajatovic, University Hospitals of Cleveland, OH, USA (Eds.)

There is increasing interest in both the professional and lay literature in the various dimensions of health and health care that affect adults as they age: the diseases that impact adults as they age; their health care, and the quality of that care and their ability to access it; and the psychosocial, biological, and historical dimensions of health and health care. The need for accurate and up-to-date information is particularly acute due to the ever-increasing proportion of older adults that make up the population of the United States. The first portion of the book will contain chapters that are approximately 25 to 40 pages in length. Each chapter will include a list of references and suggested readings. The second portion of the book will consist of 425 to 450 alphabetical entries that relate to the health of older adults. Each entry will be followed by a listing of suggested readings and suggested resources, such as those available on the web. A listing of proposed chapters and entries is [...] Read more.

**Features**

- Will adopt a biopsychosocial approach to the topics covered in the chapters and the entries
- The chapters and entries will be written at a level that is accessible to professionals and to the lay public with an interest in these issues
- Each entry will include suggested readings and suggested resources

**Contents**

- I. Foundation Topics
- The History and Demography of Aging in the United States
- The Biology of Aging
- Cultural Diversity Among Elders in the U.S.
- Legal Aspects of Aging
- The Participation of cognitively Impaired Elderly in Research
- II. Topics in Aging and Public Health

**Fields of interest**

- Health Care Administration

**Target groups**

Clinicians and researchers working with adults over aged 50 and older, public health professionals, epidemiologists, nurses, psychologists, and social workers

**Type of publication**

Encyclopedia

Due January 2008

**2008. Also available as online version.**


$219.00 €
People are living longer, and the elderly population is growing larger. To meet the ongoing need for quality information on elderly 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 [...] Features
Adopts a biopsychosocial approach to the topics covered in the chapters and the entries Chapters and entries will be written at a level that is accessible to professionals and to the lay public with an interest in these issues Each entry will include suggested readings and suggested resources Contents
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Emerging Infections in Asia

With many Asian countries experiencing increasing economic growth and globalization, infectious diseases that were once contained in certain pockets of the continent now proliferate throughout the continent. The recently publicized outbreaks of SARS, avian flu, and influenza are but a few examples of the growing number of mass infections affecting the Asian populace. Increased travel and tourism worldwide potentially expands the reach of these infectious diseases to a global scale. There is a pressing need for public health professionals worldwide to know and understand the variety of these infections, the methods through which they are transmitted, and the ways to control and prevent them.

Features
The volume will be a timely and relevant work, especially given the recent burst of outbreaks featured in the news. The editors and contributors are all prominent and highly-respected in the field. The text will highlight the historical description of the infectious diseases, analysis of the cause and forecast of future outbreaks, and the regional and global impact of the diseases.

Contents
Health Care Administration; Epidemiology; Medicine, general

Target groups
Epidemiologists, Students of Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases in Public Health schools and programs

Type of publication
Graduate/advanced undergraduate textbook

Due April 2008
Health Care Benchmarking and Performance Evaluation
An Assessment using Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA)

One of the most pressing problems in today’s health care system is performance evaluation. Performance evaluation in health care goes well beyond financial and efficiently issues directly to matters of life and death. Health Care Benchmarking and Performance Evaluation applies the analytical framework of Data Envelopment Analysis methodology to provide health care administrators with specific benchmarking tools for performance evaluation. Most important, the book provides health care practitioners and administrators with information of what is lacking in specific aspects of performance and then outlines the ways how these performance inadequacies can be improved.

Professor Ozcan is a professor of Health Administration at Virginia Commonwealth University and the Editor-in-Chief of the journal, Health Care Management Science. He has written a book that will have wide use in the academic and practitioner health care communities. It is a book that will be particularly influential in [...]

Features
Performance evaluation benchmarking methods that work are very much needed in today’s health care system. Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) is a methodology that was developed to solve performance problems in service industries. This will be the first application of DEA on health care performance issues. This book will be of considerable interest to multiple markets groups: (1) academic researchers, (2) health [...]
Computer Assisted Eye Motility Diagnostics

The authors have developed a computer program that can be of valuable assistance in surgical decision-making for strabismus surgery. The combination of diagnostic data of individual surgical cases, related diagnosis and treatments are incorporated into a well designed, clinically applicable software system. A new way of interactive, virtual eye muscle surgery and preoperative planning is proposed, based on a biomechanical model of the human eye, which enables the prediction of surgical outcomes on the basis of objective, anatomically related and measured data. Additionally, a realistic three-dimensional visualization of the human eyes and their muscles is used to support detailed evaluation and meaningful interpretation of eye motility disorders. This software system is not intended to replace common clinical diagnostics, nor surgical expertise but it should improve the accuracy of clinical decisions in an objective manner.

Features
Compact, descriptive and thus well understandable knowledge for teaching and training. Scientifically oriented procedures for clinical practice. Essential references and numerous examples. A basis for individual considerations of diagnostics and operational correction of eye motility disorders.

Fields of interest
Ophthalmology; Health Informatics & Health Administration; Pediatrics; Neurology; Neuroradiology; Biomedical Engineering.

Target groups
Ophthalmologists, researchers in medical informatics.

Type of publication
Monograph.

Due May 2008

Health Technology Assessments by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: A Qualitative Study

First in a new series on economic issues in the context of health care policy, Health Technology Assessments by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence examines Britain’s highly acclaimed approach to cost-effectiveness analysis (CEA), and its international potential. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has been regarded as a role model for the implementation of CEA, and is being closely watched by health care policy makers throughout Europe, and in the United States. This volume dissects the robustness of the agency’s technology appraisal processes as NICE evaluates innovative methods for diagnosis and intervention. Given the unique features of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)—starting with it being diagnosed mainly in children and adolescents, its high comorbidity with other psychiatric conditions, and its considerable economic impact—the disorder is a perfect focal point for discussion.

Features
Important addition to debate on health care reform. Discussion of treatment. Discussion about ADHD.

Contents

Fields of interest
Health Care Administration; Health Administration.

Target groups
Healthcare professionals, researchers in health services research.

Type of publication
Professional book.

Due November 2007

Analysis of Waiting-Time Data in Health Services Research

Why some patients wait longer than others remains an important question in health services research. This book is a reference for health services researchers looking for statistical tools with which to study waiting times. The book provides detailed coverage of statistical concepts and methods for the analysis and interpretation of waiting-time data: time-to-event analysis, discrete time regression models, competing risks, and pseudovalues regression models. The book will also be useful for professionals and research workers in health care industry, who will find a collection of examples of waiting-time data analysis in health services research. It gives a practical perspective on how to describe and compare waiting experiences, how to study the impact of factors associated with waiting times, and how to use appropriate statistical techniques in practical terms, i.e., from a study question through interpretation of results.

Features
Analysis from health services research perspective. Rather than operations management.

Contents

Fields of interest
Health Care Administration; Statistics for Life Sciences, Medicine, Health Sciences, Health Administration; Health Informatics & Health Administration.

Target groups
Researchers and graduate students in health services research; health administrators.

Type of publication
Monograph.

Due April 2008
Health Services Marketing

A Practitioner’s Guide

Despite the growing importance of marketing for health professionals, there is no concise how-to guide available on the topic for use by physician practices, hospitals and other healthcare organizations. Although the industry has become increasingly market driven, healthcare administrators and marketers are left with little guidance with regard to the concepts, techniques, and data appropriate for healthcare marketing. The proposed book would serve as a convenient reference for health professionals who want to understand the marketing process, develop marketing initiatives or interface with marketing professionals. Marketing theory and the history of marketing in healthcare will be minimized in an attempt to provide a practical guide for everyday use. The focus will be on how to do marketing, with the reader introduced to supporting aspects such as market research, marketing planning, and evaluation. The author also discusses marketing techniques for social marketing.

Features

Practical how-to guide
Discusses social marketing
Includes numerous templates, checklists, and sample survey questionnaires
Aimed at healthcare professionals who are new to marketing
Demonstrates cost-effectiveness of marketing

Contents

1. Introduction to Healthcare Marketing.
2. The Basics of Marketing.
4. Marketing Research.
5. Marketing Planning.
7. Paying the Marketing Freight.
9. Choosing Among Promotional Options.
10. Social Marketing.
12. Measuring the Effectiveness of Marketing.
13. Becoming a Healthcare Marketing “Hero”.

Fields of interest

Health Care Administration; Health Administration

Target groups

Healthcare administrators and practitioners, healthcare marketers

Type of publication

Professional book

Due November 2007


24,95 €

ISBN 978-0-387-73604-4
Care-Related Quality of Life in Old Age

This book examines the relationship between quality of care and quality of life of frail older persons who are dependent on external support and care. Quality of life in old age has become a key issue within gerontology and health and social care research. The book specifically addresses this issue by developing a new concept of “care-related quality of life.” Key questions addressed include: what are the determinants of care-related quality of life in old age? How can care contribute to and support the quality of life of older clients? And how should care be managed to facilitate good quality and effective care? The book addresses these issues by providing theoretical and methodological perspectives on the problem area, together with chapters based on original empirical research. The research was financed by the EU, and it involved studies in Finland, Estonia, Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom. This book contributes to the ongoing discussion on the concept of quality of life, and theories and [...] features new instruments for evaluation of care.

Contents
Introduction.- Part I: Concepts and Methods.- Care-Related Quality of Life: Theories, Concepts and Measurement.- Care Keys Data and Methodology.- Part II: Care Keys Empirical Results.- Quality of Life in Home Care.- Quality of Life in Institutional Care.- Quality of Life of Cognitively Impaired Old People.- Quality of Life in Five Project Countries: Estonia, Finland, Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom.- The Target Efficiency of Care.- Quality Management and Quality of Care.- Part III. Outcomes and Conclusions.- The Meta-Model of Care-Related Quality of Life and its Key Indicators.- The Care [...] features new instruments for evaluation of care.

Features
Includes new instruments for evaluation of care.

Fields of interest
Health Care Administration; Quality of Life Research; Geriatrics/Gerontology; Health Administration

Target groups
Researchers and graduate students in public health, quality of life, quality of health care, gerontology, health care administrators; health care professionals

Type of publication
Monograph

Due December 2007

Depression and Globalization

Depression and Globalisation is an important academic text on the political aspects of depression, specifically the relationship between globalisation and depression. In this text Dr. Walker reestablishes the link between mental health research and treatment, along with the political and economical influences outside the world of academic and clinical mental health. Overall, this book will accomplish the task of how closely and inextricably linked these diverse fields are and the way they operate together to produce not only a cultural representation of mental illness but influence the extent and type of mental distress in the 21st century.

Features
Only book dedicated to the political aspects of depression, specifically the relationship between globalisation and depression. Relevant text for those with preliminary knowledge of some of the more detailed and complex psychological, political and economic issues, which is explained so the reader does not feel excluded by the presentation & detailed and informative enough for academics and professionals [...] features new instruments for evaluation of care.

Contents

Fields of interest
Health Care Administration; Health Psychology; Health Administration

Target groups
Psychologists, psychiatrists, mental health nursing practitioners, sociologists, economists, political figures interested in political and psychosocial elements

Type of publication
Professional book

Due November 2007

54.95 €

Collective Consciousness and Its Discontents

An earlier book by Rodrick Wallace entitled Consciousness: A Mathematical Treatment of the Global Neuronal Workspace Model, introduced a formal information-theoretic approach to individual consciousness implementing approaches developed previously by the cognitive scientist Bernard Baars and the philosopher Fred Dretske. This book takes a more formal ‘groupoid’ perspective and generalizes the results of that book to processes of distributed cognition characteristic of large institutions that can entertain several, sometimes many, simultaneous ‘global workspaces’ which must compete for resources while communicating and cooperating. Equivalence classes of ‘states’ produce a network of language-analogs characterizing interacting cognitive modules which entertain multiple workspaces. Equivalence classes of these language-analogs produce dynamical manifolds describing temporal processes carried out by multiple-workspace institutions.

Features
Applies a multiple-workspace version of Dr. Wallace’s earlier consciousness model to large-scale institutional cognition. Uses the extended theory to understand recent patterns of interaction between public policy and public health in the U.S.

Contents

Fields of interest
Health Care Administration; Health Informatics & Health Administration; Epidemiology

Target groups
Cognitive and management scientists, graduate students, epidemiologist, disease ecologists, public health scientists and practitioners

Type of publication
Monograph

Due April 2008

60.85 €
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79,95 €

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Due April 2008

Monograph

Researchers and students in the field of Public Health, Medicine, Health Promotion and prevention as well as politicians

Type of publication

Monograph

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Gender in Prevention and Health Promotion

Policy – Research – Practice

Over the past years, governments have committed themselves to including gender issues in policy-making, with a view to advancing women’s equality. At the same time, there is increasing recognition that the systematic consideration of gender is essential to high quality health and social programs. This book will bridge the gaps between the players in research, politics and policy. It will present models of best practice from different countries linking different fields. The main questions are: How can gender and diversity analysis be made necessary and practical in prevention and health promotion? What strategies are effective in fostering gender mainstreaming and preventing gender bias? And how can they be implemented in politics, research, education and practice? The challenge of this book is to combine the very different ways of generating and using "knowledge" from this discipline with the focus on the shared goal of enhancing prevention and health promotion under the gender perspective.

Features

Practical approach to gender issues in prevention and health promotion Including political issues and perspectives Written by leading experts on the field of health sciences and politics

Contents

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Health Care Administration; Political Science; Medicine; general; Social Sciences; Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Target groups

Researchers and students in the field of Public Health, Medicine, Health Promotion and prevention as well as politicians

Type of publication

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In the Pursuit of Winning

Problem Gambling Theory, Research and Treatment

Gambling is an underrecognized problem from both a clinical and a public health point of view. It is not uncommon for an adolescent or adult to participate in one form of gambling or another on a regular basis, be it the lottery, card playing for money, sports wagering, or gambling on electronic gaming devices. Nor is it uncommon for such participation to reach excessive or destructive proportions, with negative effects on the individual’s psychological, social, economic, and family life. The results of the National Research Council’s 2000 review of empirical studies suggest that 85% of adolescents report having gambled during their lifetime, with 73% of adolescents reporting having gambled in the past year. Despite gains in knowledge concerning the correlates and risk factors associated with severe gambling problems among youth during the past ten years, a general lack of public and parental awareness exists. This raises serious mental health and public policy concerns. Written from an [...] Features

Question-and-answer sections at the end of each chapter Clinical case studies in most chapters A glossary of words and expressions to fully clarify the terms used throughout the book

Contents


Health Psychology; Health Care Administration

Target groups

Health Psychologists, addiction counselors and clinical social workers, behavioral medicine researchers, policy makers

Type of publication

Graduate/advanced undergraduate textbook

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Health Economics

Health Economics is the most complete text available on the economics of health behavior and health care delivery. Appropriate both for advanced undergraduate and beginning graduate students of economics, this text provides the key analytical tools required to understand current research, presenting empirical evidence on each issue and summarizing results for easy comprehension. Issues discussed include the "cost explosion" in health care, the power of medical associations, the search for remuneration systems with favorable incentives, and technological change in medicine. Without neglecting ethical concerns, modern microeconomic theory is applied to formulate theoretical implications and predictions, and key arguments are summarized to facilitate follow-up, review, and documentation. Rather than simplifying the issues facing today’s healthcare systems, the book models existing complexities as they are, adapting economics to reflect the views of the average person.

Features

Readers will know the issues and future challenges confronting healthcare systems, have the tools used in the international literature for analyzing these issues and challenges and be acquainted with the crucial stylized facts and pieces of econometric evidence

Fields of interest

Economics general; Health Care Administration; Social Policy; Law and Economics; Sociology

Target groups

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