Book Reviews


A 23 Chapter textbook intended for beginning student nurses or auxiliary psychiatric attendants. It describes various areas of Psychiatry i.e. disorders, treatment, community and legal matters.

It does give emphasis to the Nurse-Pt. Relationship and physical care needs of the psychiatric patient. It is limited in depth for trained nurses. But could be used for in-service for ward attendants by supplementing with lecture and discussion of cases on the ward.

It does demonstrate some change made in the last ten years but emphasis should also show the importance of inter-disciplinary teamwork.

The second chapter on causes should also include factors such as culture, society etc.

Also some of the recommended approaches to the mental health problem is not applicable to every country, such as in some countries Halfway Houses are not a desirable means of social services. Therefore, the text must be made relevant to the situation in which the nurses will be working.

Although, these authors have attempted to update and revise their book, it is still limited if Psychiatry is to advance with forward-thinking educators.

Have You Seen These:


2 BAL KALYAN (Hindi), U. P. Survey (special) edited by A. B. Lal & Om Prakash, Bureau of Child Welfare and Research, U. P., Lucknow. Price Rs. 5.00.

3 Social Psychiatry in INDIA, Brij Mohan, M. S. W., Ph. D., Calcutta, Minerva Associates, 1972, Price Rs. 40.00.