
HUMAN SEXUALITY IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

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A current and widely-discussed notion is that medical schools and the medical profession are just beginning to recognize the need of medical students and physicians for better understanding of human sexuality. Such an observation ignores the history of medicine. The physician's need for knowledge and skills with which to help patients manage the marital and sexual components of physical and emotional dis-ease has been the subject of continual exhortations since the early days of medicine.

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The author begins this volume by describing a variety of forces that have been converging within the past decade to confront the medical and health professions with the challenge of better preparation in the broad areas of family life, marriage counseling and human sexuality. The challenge derives from data concerning the high proportion of patients who look to the medical profession for aid in resolving marital and sexual stress . . . and from increase awareness within the medical profession that physicians are ill prepared to render such help.

Basic information and survey data from the social and biological sciences concerning human sexuality are presented as well as chapters emphasizing techniques and procedures of use to physicians confronted almost daily by patients with somatic manifestations of marital and sexual stress.

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