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Review

What a fun book! Levounis and Arnaout have assembled a wonderful collection of authors who present tons of evidence-based clinical science and even more clinical wisdom in an entertaining and engaging way. Reading the introduction and the first chapter makes you want to read more. Most physicians are contemplative or precontemplative about how they can motivate their patients to change unhealthy behaviors this Handbook of Motivation and Change will prepare clinicians to get into action applying these approaches to the benefit of people under their care. --Mike Miller, M.D., F.A.S.A.M., F.A.P.A., Director, American Board of Addiction Medicine and Immediate Past President, American Society of Addiction Medicine; Associate Clinical Professor, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Read this book and your clinical practice is certainly going to change whether you treat addiction, depression, or any other psychiatric illness that requires motivation to change behavior. Motivational Interviewing is a wonderful technique, and it is even more fascinating when taught the way it is in this handbook. Superb structure, organization, and creativity, seem to have magically come together in this little volume making it an essential part of a clinician's library and a sheer delight to read. --Analice Gigliotti, M.D., President, Brazilian Association on Studies of Alcohol and Other Drugs

Levounis and Arnaout's Handbook of Motivational Interviewing is destined to become an indispensable guide in the navigational toolbox of all practitioners working with substance-abusing patients. The clinical examples in each chapter are frequently engaging and central to the Handbook's teaching narrative. Clearly and accessibly written, clinically illuminating and useful, both seasoned and beginning therapists will find much of value in this volume. --Jack Drescher, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry, New York Medical College

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