



from psychodynamics, anthropology, and other fields, it is aimed at increased understanding of these everyday cases, thus chapters deal close with concrete, practical pointers.

Although much of the advice has bearing on the classical doctor-patient relationship, the volume is not aimed at any particular profession, but aims to introduce concepts and provide advice relevant to all those whose work involves helping others. It complements rather than replaces books that focus on doctor-patient interactions. This book may be particularly useful for doctors who need to provide advice to NGOs on how to work with people, or who are asked to provide help to organisations dealing with trauma and change.

Books about counselling do not always provide sufficient information on when people should be referred for medical evaluation and intervention. 'Mental health first aid', including basic concepts about psychopathology and its treatment, should arguably be taught to all those who hope to help others (Jorm *et al.*, 2001). This volume would have been strengthened by inclusions along these lines, particularly as one of its focuses is on the effects of trauma, including posttraumatic stress disorder. It also provides little attention to the important area of erotic transference and counter-transference, despite the perennial temptation to give and receive help through love.

At the same time, a volume such as this is salutary in reminding one about the limitations of a reductionistic medical model focused solely on diagnosis and prescription. The volume makes a particularly important contribution insofar as it covers an impressive range of ideas and concepts with great sophistication, but is grounded in concrete examples and practical advice. This, together with its South African focus, makes it uniquely valuable.

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IN MEMORIAM

David Fölscher

David Kriel Fölscher is op 25 Julie 1934 in De Doorns gebore en het sy skoolloopbaan in Montague voltooi.

Hy het in 1961 sy MBChB graad aan die Universiteit van Stellenbosch behaal – een van die eerste groep mediese studente wat aan Stellenbosch gestudeer het. David het jare lank diens gelewer as distriksgeneesheer en algemene praktisyn in Wolseley, waar hy lank die enigste dokter was. Daarna het hy na Clanwilliam verhuis waar hy verder sy deel as algemene praktisyn in ons praktyk en as mediese beampte by die hospital bygedra het. Ons ken mekaar sedert 1957 toe ons saam was in die anatomie-klas by Stellenbosch Universiteit. Dit was 'n voorreg om hom as vriend en kollega te ken. Hy is na 'n lang tydperk van swak gesondheid op 28 Januarie oorlede.

Hy laat sy vrou Lydia (hulle was 42 jaar getroud) en kinders Tian, Manetjie, Lydie, Danie en Sondrien agter. Met sy rustige geaardheid en sin vir humor sal sy gesin en vriende hom met deernis onthou.

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Erratum

Weens 'n tegniese fout is die verkeerde weergawe van die huldeblyk vir dr. J W van der Riet in die Mei-uitgawe van SAMJ (p. 352) gepubliseer. Ons vra om verskoning vir enige ongerief wat dit veroorsaak het.

Books Received

The receipt of these books is acknowledged, and this listing must be regarded as sufficient return for the courtesy of the sender. Books that appear to be of particular interest will be reviewed as space permits. The SAMJ does not publish unsolicited reviews.

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Ethical Choices in Long-term Care. What does justice require? Edited and designed by Oni Annette LaGioia. Pp. xii + 91. Sw.fr.15/US\$14. WHO. 2002. ISBN 92-4-156228-5.

Success in Africa. The Onchocerciasis Control Programme in West Africa. 1974-2002. WHO. Pp. vii + 71. Illustrated Sw.fr.25/US\$23. WHO. 2002. ISBN 92-4-156227-7.

Advances in End-Stage Renal Diseases 2003. Renal Research Institute Seminars. Edited by C Ronco and NW Levin. Pp. iv +140. Illustrated. CHF112/EUR80/US\$98. Hard Cover. KARGER. 2003. ISBN 3-8055-7535-1.

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