

Treating Lesbians And Bisexual Women Challenges And Strategies For Health Professionals

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Explore the critical aspects of treating lesbian and bisexual women, focusing on the unique health challenges they face and effective strategies for health professionals. This resource aims to empower LGBTQ+ healthcare providers to deliver sensitive, informed, and equitable medical care, addressing disparities and fostering better health outcomes for sexual minority women.

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Treating Lesbians and Bisexual Women

"Written from a public health perspective, this book integrates material from a wide array of disciplines, including medicine, nursing, sociology, psychology, anthropology, and epidemiology and is an ideal book for advanced students in those fields. In addition, scholars in the fields of social work, public health, and women's health will find it useful. Health care providers, researchers, advocates, and policy makers will also find Treating Lesbians and Bisexual Women a valuable resource."--BOOK JACKET.

Preventive Health Measures for Lesbian and Bisexual Women

Help lesbian and bisexual women better manage their physical health The lack of information about lesbian and bisexual women's health can in part be attributed to the lack of health research focused on this population. Preventive Health Measures for Lesbian and Bisexual Women helps fill this gap by providing the latest empirical, evidence-based research to address current health care issues confronted by sexual minority women (SMW). This vital source explores several diverse factors constraining the ability of lesbian and bisexual women of color to receive proper health care and exercise preventative health measures including discrimination, oppression, and stigmatization. The reasons behind several SMW health risks are psychosocial and behavioral factors often not considered by health practitioners. Preventive Health Measures for Lesbian and Bisexual Women examines these factors in detail and provides a firm starting point for further research and ways to best address the challenges. Studies on SMW behavior and perceptions reveal how lesbians and bisexual women make choices on various vital health issues such as alcohol use, nutrition, weight management, exercise, safer sex practices, sunscreen use, and self-breast examination. The research in this book is of the highest quality, the discussions on the findings top-notch, and the conclusions important for every policymaker,

health practitioner, and researcher to understand. Research topics in Preventive Health Measures for Lesbian and Bisexual Women include: the effects of lesbian or bisexual identity on preventative health behaviors cancer prevention and screening behaviors using American Cancer Society guidelines as the standards for comparison experiences with treating physicians and their attitudes—positive and negative ways to help lesbians with cancer receive better support by service providers and lesbian communities comparison between lesbian and heterosexual women of psychosocial responses to treatment for breast cancer qualitative study on lesbians who frequent bars characteristics of sexual minority women across four survey sampling methods Preventive Health Measures for Lesbian and Bisexual Women is timely, crucial information for health practitioners of all types, women's activists, public health professionals, and researchers.

Who Cares?

The health care professions take pride in the philosophy that all persons receive equal treatment. Yet prejudice, fears, and stereotyping are so deeply ingrained in our society that discrimination is widespread. Gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons are often harassed, mistreated, or misunderstood in our health care systems. This book explores how prejudices have become institutionalized, and offers viable solutions for real change. Essential for educators, students, nurses, health care professionals, community activists—all those interested in combating prejudice.

Substance Use Disorders in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clients

Internalized homophobia, alienation, poor support structures, and high levels of depression all contribute to substance abuse among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, with social activity at bars and clubs reinforcing addictive behavior. The threat of bias in treatment programs also prevents many from seeking help. An essential resource for human service professionals searching for the latest research on these unique issues, this volume features both state of the art practice methods for treating substance use disorders and up-to-date analyses of sexual orientation and gender identity issues, heterosexism, and the ethical challenges of working with the LGBT community. Sandra Anderson discusses practice with individuals, couples, families, and small groups, as well as practice at the program level. Drawing on case studies with her own clients and from social service agencies that treat LGBT clients, Anderson emphasizes evidence-based treatment models, including motivational enhancement therapy, contingency management, the matrix model, and community reinforcement. Packed with recommendations for effective practice, this singular volume confronts the obstacles faced not only by clients with addictions but also by the LGBT population as a whole.

Social Work with Lesbian Parent Families

The traditional concept of family as being exclusively heterosexual has resulted in myth-generation about lesbian parents as well as fostering limitations in the programs and benefits that support more diverse nontraditional families. *Social Work with Lesbian Parent Families: Ecological Perspectives* explores the variety of social systems with which lesbian parent families interact, with a focus on implications for improved, diversity-affirming service delivery and policy development. Unlike other literature on lesbian parent families, this revealing resource pulls together work on lesbian parenting from various researchers across a broad range of disciplines and presents this work from the ecosystems perspective so that the reader may view the experiences of lesbian parent families in a holistic way. The research goes beyond simple comparisons between lesbian and straight mothers. This useful text provides more complex research data, including both a more sophisticated view of the diverse communities in which lesbian parents are found, and more innovative ways of studying the issues relevant to social service providers. Developmental and life issues negotiated by lesbian parent families are discussed in detail using a strengths-based approach to intervention with individuals, families, small groups, communities, and larger systems. This unique book has the strong potential to influence the policies that impact lesbian parent families. *Social Work with Lesbian Parent Families: Ecological Perspectives* is a valuable resource for social workers, psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, marriage and family therapists, public policy and administration professionals, students, and academics doing research on sexual orientation and family. This book was published as a special issue of the *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services*.

Lesbian Health

Women's health, as a field of study, is a developing discipline. Health theories in general have been based on studies of men. However, in recent years, more attention has shifted to women's health, realizing the disparities between men and women in relation to their health. During the last two decades, a similar shift has occurred for a group of women—lesbian women—to further identify and specify their health needs. Over the past decade, lesbians have organized to call for attention to the health issues of this community, resulting in several federally funded research initiatives. This book offers a comprehensive view of what is known about lesbian health needs and what questions need further investigation, including: How do we define who is lesbian? Are there unique health issues for lesbians? Are lesbians at higher or lower risk for such health problems as AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, breast cancer, mental disorders, and substance abuse? How does homophobia affect lesbian health and the funding of research on lesbian health? How do lesbian health needs fit into the health care system and the larger society? What risk and protective factors shape the physical and mental health of lesbians? The book discusses how to determine which questions to ask about sexual orientation, the need to obtain information without violating privacy, the importance of considering racial and ethnic diversity in the study of lesbians, strategies for exchanging information among researchers and disseminating findings to the public, and mechanisms for supporting greater numbers of researchers. Lesbian Health takes a frank look at the political pressures, community attitudes, and professional concerns uniquely affecting the study of lesbian health issues. The book explores many other issues including the potential for transferring findings in this field to other population groups, including other rare populations and women in general.

Cultural Diversity and Social Work Practice

The profession of social work has a long and admirable history of attending to issues related to diversity and oppression. This new edition continues to examine the disciplinary attention regarding the provision of services to clientele who were most often marginalized by mainstream society. By understanding certain aspects of the culture experienced by a client, a social worker is better equipped to be of service, to assess, to plan, to cooperate, and to intervene. The goal of this book is to bridge the gaps and to present to readers, in one source, a wealth of practice-relevant information about African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, gay, lesbian, and bisexual individuals, women, the aged, the developmentally disabled, and those with adult-onset physical disabilities. Additional topics include the hearing-impaired, visually-impaired, and social work practice with refugees. A significant updating of many of the chapters from the previous two editions is included, enhancing the knowledge concerning social work practice. An excellent resource for increased knowledge and sensitivity, the book is designed for both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as for practitioners who desire to perfect their skills in working with culturally diverse clients.--Publisher website.

Women's Health in Canada

In recent years, healthcare professionals have recognized the distinctly different healthcare needs and concerns of men and women. Women's health, in particular, has come into its own in the last two decades. In Canada, however, there has been little available in the way of a general text on women's health. This volume works toward filling that gap by providing a resource for teaching and understanding women's health in this country. To lay out the methodological and theoretical foundations for their study, editors Olena Hankivsky, Marina Morrow, and Colleen Varcoe bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars and practitioners from economics, anthropology, sociology, nursing, political studies, women's studies, and psychology. Contributors draw on the rich history of the Canadian women's health movement, providing analysis of that history and of the emergent theory, policy, and practice. Aimed at undergraduate and graduate students as well as practitioners, the collection adopts an intersectional approach, looking closely at social factors such as gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, and gender identity, and analysing how they relate both to each other and to women's health. Connections between the social, economic, and cultural contexts of women's lives and their physical, spiritual, and mental well-being are a primary focus. Providing a much needed resource for teachers, students, and practitioners of women's health in Canada, this comprehensive volume makes an important contribution to the literature.

Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Mental Health

Examine the psychosocial factors that affect lesbian and bisexual women's mental health This essential guide presents up-to-date, evidence-based information that can be implemented to improve mental

health services for lesbian and bisexual women in a variety of settings. It examines the systemic factors that play a role in their psychological and emotional well-being, and presents new research on protective factors that play an important role when lesbian/bisexual women face depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders. *Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Mental Health* reviews the past literature on mental health and sexual orientation—citing biased and inadequate assessment, diagnosis, and treatment approaches currently in use in the care of lesbian and bisexual women. This essential guide for clinicians and researchers presents new empirical research on lesbian/bisexual women's mental health. It explores specific challenges that face various lesbian and bisexual female populations, with research on: dysthymia depression and anxiety—including a chapter on depressive distress among African-American women the way that community size and religiosity impact lesbian/bisexual women's psychosexual development the relationship between shame and a client's attachment style the mental health implications of same-sex marriage mental health in Taiwan's T-Po lesbian community—with a focus on community members' sexual orientation, gender roles, and gender identity the interconnectedness of sexual fantasies, psychological adjustment, and close relationship functioning in lesbian/bisexual women body image and eating issues As the diversity of this population becomes progressively more evident, so does the necessity for deeper exploration of the mental health problems facing lesbians and bisexuals. Whether you are a student, an educator, or an experienced clinician, *Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Mental Health* is an essential resource for relevant and meaningful information that focuses much-needed attention on the mental health of lesbian and bisexual women.

The Handbook of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Public Health

Get the comprehensive resource for LGBT public health issues! Public health services for sexual minorities have suffered from practitioners' lack of knowledge about sexual or gender orientation, specific health concerns, and inherent system homophobia and heterosexism. *The Handbook of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Public Health: A Practitioner's Guide to Service* provides a unique focus on LGBT public health, offering positive direction for practitioners looking for guidance in methods to ensure a healthy community for all while taking into consideration the special needs of sexual minorities. Ignorance and fear by both practitioners and LGBT clients leads to less-than-optimum public health services. *The Handbook of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Public Health* extensively discusses these issues clearly, working to foster cultural competency among public health professionals. This book lays the groundwork for better understanding of LGBT health issues and their relationship to overall public health, then delves into the research on how incorporating LGBT cultural competency can improve academic institutions and continuing education programs. The problem of providing health care access and the health issues burdening each segment of the LGBT community are discussed in detail, all with a focus on providing effective solutions to tough challenges. Clear strategies are also presented for improving city, county, state, and national public health infrastructures and policies. The issue of productive and safe work environments in business and the private sector for LGBT individuals is addressed, along with a close look at the advantages—and pitfalls—of media and Internet resources. Many chapters are illustrated with tables and diagrams; each chapter is exhaustively referenced, includes useful lists of selected resources, and asks questions to spark thought on the issues as they pertain to the reader's circumstances. *The Handbook of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Public Health* discusses: the inequities in health care for LGBT people overt prejudice, discrimination, disdain, or outright denial of services assumption by health professionals of risk factors based on sexual or gender orientation rather than individual behaviors and health history unwitting expression of biases of many public health practitioners the effect of social stigma on public health care services LGBT cultural competency framework for institutions of higher learning and professional organizations LGBT awareness, sensitivity, and competency training sexually transmitted diseases reproductive cancers intimate partner violence noncommunicable diseases among gay and bisexual men 'down low' behavior (avowed straight men with spouses having sex with other men) as public health issue AIDS-related malignancies transsexuals and transphobia hormonal therapy sex reassignment surgery (SRS) mental health needs of transsexuals, cross-dressers, and intersex individuals barriers to health care access insurance systems confidentiality of medical records substance use health care issues for LGBT youth and young adults health care needs of LGBT elders recommendations for improvement of health and welfare services *The Handbook of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Public Health* is a one-of-a-kind resource for LGBT public health issues, essential for public health professionals, practitioners, health services professionals, substance abuse counselors, disease intervention specialists, public health advisors, community health service administrators, community based agencies, and community health nurses. Educators in community health

Coming Out and Disclosures

LGBT persons face multiple challenges when entering the coming out process, regardless of their age or place in society. *Coming Out and Disclosures: LGBT Persons Across the Life Span* is a comprehensive guide to the coming out process for LGBT individuals, how to prepare for disclosure, and how disclosure is received in various groups. The book examines sexual orientation and identities; developmental models of coming out; disclosure in adolescence, midlife, or later; coming out to parents and family members; and disclosure outside the family. The book also provides practitioners with guidelines for working with clients who want to make disclosures. *Coming Out and Disclosures: LGBT Persons Across the Life Span* brings together into a single source the latest research and current thought on the experiences of LGBT persons in a heterosexist society. This resource, which is also useful as a supplemental textbook, can be used as a guide to practice for professionals and can be used for in-service training and workshops. This invaluable book has an extensive bibliography. Topics in *Coming Out and Disclosures: LGBT Persons Across the Life Span* include the meaning of sexual identity across various populations, an overview of coming out in the heterosexist world, detailed analysis of the coming out process, examination of the coming out process at different ages, an overview of disclosures in the heterosexist world, detailed analysis of disclosures to parents and family members across various cultures, suggested interventions based on coming out models, special issues experienced in coming out, strategies to facilitate disclosures, and more. *Coming Out and Disclosures: LGBT Persons Across the Life Span* is an essential guide for any LGBT individual preparing to enter the coming out process, and practitioners in the helping professions, such as social work, counseling, and mental health.

Zest for Life

Features how lesbians describe their experience of menopause. This book suggests that the experience of menopause can be significantly altered through shifting perceptions about body image.

Gynaecology E-Book

Long recognized as the standard general reference work providing a complete overview of contemporary gynaecological practice, this new edition of Shaw, *Gynaecology* provides all the information that trainees need to master in order to successfully take their professional certification exams as well as providing the practicing gynaecologist with an accessible overview of the "state of play" of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Totally rewritten, it gives a succinct but comprehensive account of all currently available resources in the management of gynaecological disorders. Comprehensive overview of contemporary gynaecological practice with a clinically focused approach. It covers all of the areas that a gynaecologist covers on a day-to-day basis and helps in the formulation and implementation of the most effective treatment. Details the use of various imaging modalities and investigative techniques as they relate to specific diseases in order to provide a solid foundation for clinical practice. User-friendly features such as chapter outlines, summary tables, key point boxes incorporated throughout. Provides quick access to the most necessary information for practitioners needing a quick consult or trainees preparing for exams. Copiously illustrations clarify and enhance the text whenever appropriate. Highly selective and current list of references quickly directs the reader to further investigations. New full colour illustrations incorporated throughout to accurately depict the full range of both common and rare disorders. Details up-to-date investigative and minimally invasive therapeutic techniques to keep the user abreast of the latest diagnostic and management options. Enhanced emphasis on surgical outcomes to help the user select the most appropriate procedure for any given patient. Two brand new editors and many brand new contributors provide a fresh perspectives on gynaecological oncology, reproductive and urogynaecological conditions.

The Health of Sexual Minorities

This is the first concise handbook on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) health in the past few years. It breaks the myths, breaks the silence, and breaks new ground on this subject. This resource offers a multidimensional picture of LGBT health across clinical and social disciplines to give readers a full and nuanced understanding of these diverse populations. It contains real-world matters of definition and self-definition, meticulous analyses of stressor and health outcomes, a extensive coverage of research methodology concerns, and critical insights into the sociopolitical context of LGBT individuals' health and lives.

Trauma, Stress, and Resilience Among Sexual Minority Women

Prevent victimization of sexual minority women by raising your awareness level! *Trauma, Stress, and Resilience Among Sexual Minority Women: Rising Like the Phoenix* is the first resource to examine trauma, violence, and stress as experienced by lesbian and bisexual women. You'll gain a better understanding of the stressors that these women experience, including the cultural/social trauma of living with homophobia and heterosexism as well as the individual traumas of verbal, physical, and sexual abuse. This book contains never-before-seen data that investigates the prevalence, impact, and meaning of traumatic experiences in the lives of sexual minority women. In *Trauma, Stress, and Resilience Among Sexual Minority Women*, top researchers use direct quotes and case examples to illustrate and personalize the emotional strain these women endure. Furthermore, they address constructive individual and community responses that promote resilience and healing. The information and strategies contained in this book will help sexual minority women, as well as the practitioners who serve them, understand and heal from the impact of individual and cultural trauma. This book will increase your knowledge of: developmental issues facing lesbian and bisexual youths the impact of sexual abuse history on the "coming out" process ethnic/racial differences in trauma among lesbian and bisexual women the prevalence and impact of traumatic experience among HIV+ lesbian and bisexual women the unique stressors facing African-American lesbians—and how they cope organized religion's approaches to homosexuality and how this impacts lesbian and bisexual women *Trauma, Stress, and Resilience Among Sexual Minority Women* also shows how data on same-sex domestic violence and hate crimes can be gathered and used as a tool for social and political advocacy, bringing about positive changes that can improve the lives of many lesbian and bisexual women. This book is insightful reading for mental health, health, and social service professionals working with lesbian and bisexual clients or patients, and activists and individuals who work for organizations that serve the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender communities.

LGBT Health Guide: Information & Resources for Health Professionals

How to Handle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health Issues This guide equips prevention professionals, healthcare providers, and educators with information on current health issues among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) populations. Includes an overview of terms related to gender identity and sexual expression. This guide is designed for a wide-range of organizations and individuals that serve LGBT populations across the country. These include prevention specialists working in State, Territorial, and Tribal community-based organizations; behavioral healthcare providers; medical and other allied health professionals; health educators, technical assistance providers; and LGBT individuals. This guide may be used by individuals or groups in educational outreach programs to raise awareness of the physical and behavioral health status and needs of LGBT populations. This guide includes links to resources to resolve the health issues of the LGBT individuals. **Get Your Copy Now.**

Choice

Text provides comprehensive coverage of women's health information. Reflects the latest research and discusses pregnancy, hormone replacement therapy, and frequently encountered medical problems.

Women's Health

Learn the latest practical—and bisexually affirmative—approaches to helping bisexual clients Clinical work with bisexual clients has conceptually shifted beyond the exclusive emphasis on either straight or lesbian and gay issues. There are still, however, too few psychotherapists who provide affirmative psychotherapy specific to bisexual concerns. *Affirmative Psychotherapy with Bisexual Women and Bisexual Men* addresses the issues of bisexuals with an accepting and affirmative perspective, providing therapists with the latest viewpoints, strategies, and research to effectively treat bisexual clients. Leading authorities with affirmative-to-bisexuals perspectives discuss problems specific to bisexuals and their lifestyles, with an eye toward providing practical, effective therapy. Unique bisexual lifestyle concerns are examined, such as transgender issues, polyamory, older bisexual women and men, and cultural differences, while providing an emphasis on cultivating well-being and a sense of community in bisexual clients. *Affirmative Psychotherapy with Bisexual Women and Bisexual Men* sensitively avoids the double standard long held by therapists clinically treating heterosexual or lesbian and gay individuals, showing that an affirmative viewpoint is valid and crucial for the effective treatment of bisexuals. This source clearly explains practical strategies and discusses the latest research on bisexual issues such as age, culture, heterosexual and bisexual mixed couples, and the polyamorous

lifestyle with appropriate acceptance and understanding. The book also explores useful ways to develop successful health and support services specific to bisexual needs. Topics in *Affirmative Psychotherapy with Bisexual Women and Bisexual Men* include: affirmative psychotherapy techniques specific to bisexual women and bisexual men need for validation of bisexuality ways for clients to come to terms with their bisexuality practical value—and shortcomings—of the main therapeutic schools in providing effective psychotherapy transgender bisexuality, with illustrative case studies needs and issues of African-American bisexual clients bisexual aging issues counseling heterosexual spouses of bisexual women and men therapy approaches for clients who are bisexual and polyamorous recognizing and addressing the specific needs of different sub-groups of bisexual people and more! *Affirmative Psychotherapy with Bisexual Women and Bisexual Men* is a crucial addition to the literature of bisexual psychotherapy and is invaluable to counselors, psychotherapists, marriage and family therapists, social workers, psychiatrists, sex therapists, researchers, and educators in the fields of psychology, sociology, anthropology, sexuality, sex education, adolescent and adult development, and community mental health.

Affirmative Psychotherapy with Bisexual Women and Bisexual Men

This guide lists 352 bi groups and 2129 bi-inclusive groups in 66 countries, and includes bibliographies, an annotated list of recommended films, advertising, photos, quotes, cartoons, and an electronic resources section.

Bisexual Resource Guide

At a time when lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals--often referred to under the umbrella acronym LGBT--are becoming more visible in society and more socially acknowledged, clinicians and researchers are faced with incomplete information about their health status. While LGBT populations often are combined as a single entity for research and advocacy purposes, each is a distinct population group with its own specific health needs. Furthermore, the experiences of LGBT individuals are not uniform and are shaped by factors of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographical location, and age, any of which can have an effect on health-related concerns and needs. The *Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People* assesses the state of science on the health status of LGBT populations, identifies research gaps and opportunities, and outlines a research agenda for the National Institute of Health. The report examines the health status of these populations in three life stages: childhood and adolescence, early/middle adulthood, and later adulthood. At each life stage, the committee studied mental health, physical health, risks and protective factors, health services, and contextual influences. To advance understanding of the health needs of all LGBT individuals, the report finds that researchers need more data about the demographics of these populations, improved methods for collecting and analyzing data, and an increased participation of sexual and gender minorities in research. The *Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People* is a valuable resource for policymakers, federal agencies including the National Institute of Health (NIH), LGBT advocacy groups, clinicians, and service providers.

The Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People

An interdisciplinary book that creates a space for traditionally oppressed voices to speak, *Gateways to Improving Lesbian Health and Health Care* explores the health care experiences of lesbians of different ages, colors, and places. By presenting the particular difficulties lesbians have in accessing excellent, or even adequate, health care, this book is meant to convince lesbians who have been isolated that their health issues and interactions with health care professionals are not just personal troubles, but larger public issues. It is also designed to show health care providers how they can sensitize their care and meet the needs of lesbian clients through the provision of safe and respectful environments. As *Gateways to Improving Lesbian Health and Health Care* addresses the intersection of race, class, and sexuality and how it affects the health care lesbians receive, you learn about lesbians' strategies for coming out to professionals, patient-professional interaction, and the construction of lesbianism as a social problem within the health care arena. You will also learn about: the need to view sexualities as local histories and narratives the invisibility of aging lesbians in health and policy arenas domestic violence in lesbian relationships surviving a series of social identity exclusions the difficulties of finding information on heterosexist or lesbian-friendly health care providers in unfriendly communities personal accounts of prejudices lesbians have encountered when seeking health care struggling with alcoholism Lesbian health care consumers, health care educators and providers, social service workers, and

those in women's studies programs need to know how health care services often fail lesbians in need. With its practical suggestions for improving health care delivery to lesbians, Gateways to Improving Lesbian Health and Health Care is essential reading for ensuring quality care to lesbians of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, and locations.

Gateways to Improving Lesbian Health and Health Care

This book has two goals: to educate healthcare professionals about the effect of identity-based adversity on the health of their LGBT patients, and to outline how providers can use the clinical encounter to promote LGBT patients' resilience in the face of adversity and thereby facilitate recovery. Toward this end, it addresses trauma in LGBT populations; factors that contribute to resilience both across the lifespan and in specific groups; and strategies for promoting resilience in clinical practice. Each chapter includes a case scenario with discussion questions and practice points that highlight critical clinical best practices. The editors and contributors are respected experts on the health of LGBT people, and the book will be a "first of its kind" resource for all clinicians who wish to become better educated about, and provide high quality healthcare to, their LGBT patients.

Women's Studies Index, 2000

Gain insight into the various practice issues that arise when working with midlife and older LGBT persons! Take a unique look at the lives of midlife and older LGBT persons in *Midlife and Older LGBT Adults*. This book reviews various life arenas in which midlife and older LGBT persons exist and the problems with which they cope. It addresses the lives of this group—from their sexual identities to their family and work situations. The book includes research-based knowledge on issues such as coming out, disclosure, education, work, family, general positives and negatives, and more. Not only does this book discuss the lifestyles of individuals in this group, but it also includes how social services professionals can respond to their needs in an affirmative way. The book provides an overview of practice issues with midlife and older LGBT persons to help social workers and other human services workers treat individuals in this group more effectively. It also identifies changes in diagnostics, treatments, and human services. The book presents numerous studies involving midlife and older LGBT persons and an extensive reference list for further information. In *Midlife and Older LGBT Adults* you'll learn how to help individuals in this group deal with: coming out—the positives and the negatives disclosure to different audiences benefits of community involvement and participation family lives including friends and significant others transitions and downturns HIV/AIDS victimization, loneliness, loss and much more! This book will appeal to any social services professional interested in or working with individuals in this population. It serves as a useful resource for human services workers and administrators by outlining practice issues. It is also suitable as a textbook for students in courses on adult development and aging. Midlife and older LGBT persons will find this book to be an engaging look at the lives of their peers. Make this one-of-a-kind book part of your collection!

Trauma, Resilience, and Health Promotion in LGBT Patients

Drawn from real-world experience and current research, the fully updated *LGBTQ Cultures*, 3rd Edition paves the way for healthcare professionals to provide well-informed, culturally sensitive healthcare to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) patients. This vital guide fills the LGBTQ awareness gaps, including replacing myths and stereotypes with facts, and measuring the effects of social stigma on health. Vital for all nursing specialties, this is the seminal guide to actively providing appropriate, culturally sensitive care to persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Midlife and Older LGBT Adults

This book explores the growing up experiences of gay and lesbian individuals within their homes, schools, neighbourhoods, among friends; and their journeys of finding themselves and their communities while living in a heterosexually constructed society. It is based on an exploratory, qualitative study with young gay and lesbian persons in two cities of Maharashtra, India and employs a life course perspective. The author has written this book from two primary loci: those of a mental health professional and activist, and a queer feminist activist. Through layered narratives and psychosocial analyses of experiences that are simultaneously attentive to subjectivities and to social and interpersonal processes, the author provides insights into the lives of children who grow up feeling 'different' from their siblings, peers and friends, and receive constant messages about correct ways of being and expression from their parents, teachers, friends and counsellors/doctors; the unique challenges

to growing up as gay or lesbian, alongside complex processes involved in the decision of 'coming out'; and the experience of meeting others like oneself, forming intimate, romantic relationships, bonds of friendship, political solidarity, families of choice and so on. In this book, the author employs a critical stance towards mainstream life span development studies, developmental psychology, child development and childhood studies that make universal assumptions of heteronormativity and gender binarism. This book is of interest to a wide readership, from psychologists, mental health and human rights scholars, to scholars of youth and childhood studies, gender studies, cultural studies, social work, sociology and anthropology.

LGBTQ Cultures

This text examines how social work can make a difference to lives of LGBT people, and is informed by current policy, legislative developments, theory, and user perspectives.

Growing Up Gay in Urban India

Get a full understanding of lesbian mental health concerns! *Mental Health Issues for Sexual Minority Women: Redefining Women's Mental Health* presents much-needed research on sexual orientation and sexual minority populations missing from most mental health studies. This unique book identifies three areas of concern voiced in a 1999 Institute of Medicine report on lesbian health: whether lesbians are at a higher risk of mental health problems; the need for a better understanding of lesbian orientation and diversity in the lesbian population; and the need to eliminate barriers to mental health care services for lesbians. *Mental Health Issues for Sexual Minority Women* addresses those concerns with theoretical and empirical work that represents a broad range of disciplines and cultures. *Mental Health Issues for Sexual Minority Women* covers a unique and diverse range of topics missing from most books on lesbian health. The book includes original research on issues such as: body image and attitudes toward eating and dieting relationship satisfaction and conflicts substance use and sexual victimization risk factors for psychological distress among African-American lesbians and much more! *Mental Health Issues for Sexual Minority Women* also includes reviews of literature on traumatic victimization, internalized homophobia, and mental health issues for lesbians with physical disabilities. This groundbreaking book is a unique resource for health researchers, clinicians, academics, and students in any health profession, including nursing, medicine, public health, social work, psychology, and sociology.

Social Work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans People

This monograph, that has been co-published simultaneously as *Journal of Psychology & Human Sexuality*, volume 15, nr. 2/3 and 4 2003, examine the psychosocial factors that affect lesbian and bisexual women's mental health. It reviews literature on mental health and sexual orientation, citing biased and inadequate assessment, diagnosis, and treatment approaches currently in use in the care of lesbian and bisexual women.

Mental Health Issues for Sexual Minority Women

This informative book offers an introduction to human sexuality in the context of health and social care practice. Drawing on research in the social sciences, cultural studies and social policy it presents a concise summary of current theories of sexual orientation, discusses the growth of contemporary lesbian and gay communities, and reveals the prejudice and discrimination which still exist.

Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Mental Health

Community Health Nursing "Caring for Populations" Fourth Edition Now more than ever - locally, nationally, globally - society is in need of community health services. The Fourth Edition of *"Community Health Nursing"* continues to emphasize the application of community health nursing as it relates to specific populations, settings, and community health problems. Using an easy-to-follow organizing framework, the text assists readers in applying nursing process and nursing interventions to the care of the individual, families, and population groups. Theoretically and scientifically sound, as well as practical and applicable, this resource is a thorough introduction to the specialty. Features: New ~" Cultural Considerations "highlight cultural factors that influence health, health care delivery, and community health nursing practice. New ~" Ethical Awareness "feature introduces readers to ethical dilemmas faced by community health nurses and assists them in applying principles of ethical decision making.

New Chapter ~" Care of Clients in Official and Voluntary Agencies "includes detailed discussion of parish nursing and its roles and functions as well as local health agencies and standards, functions and services of community/public health nursing. Assessment Tips detail key considerations in nursing assessment in specific populations, settings, and health problems. Comprehensive technology package that includes a Companion Website, corresponding student CD-ROM, and online course management systems in WebCT, Black Board and Course Compass platforms.

Caring for Lesbian Health

Over the last three decades, the visibility -- and public acceptance -- of self-identified lesbian women and gay men and bisexual and transgender individuals has increased dramatically, making it more important than ever to understand the dynamics of their relationships. This timely work, part of Volume 21 in the Review of Psychiatry series, offers compelling facts and insights in a concise yet comprehensive format, bringing together the latest research and clinical practice in this rapidly evolving field. Chapter 1 details normal adolescent development and the extra challenges imposed by the development of a sexual identity that is different from that of most of their peers, including the lack of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender role models. Chapter 2 presents a rare discussion about theoretical models (managing a concealable stigma, minority stress and resilience, and coping with multiple minority statuses) and empirical data on aging as a stigmatized sexual minority, including the similarities and differences of aging between the sexual minority communities and the heterosexual community and special issues in working with aging ethnic minority gay men, lesbians, and bisexual persons. Chapter 3 breaks new ground by detailing the expanding role of the psychiatrist or other mental health professional as forensic expert and therapist -- requiring not only an in-depth understanding of lesbian and gay mental health issues, but also the often-daunting task of encouraging and teaching judges and juries to better understand these issues as they relate to discriminatory laws in child custody/visitation, workplace harassment/other discrimination, domestic violence, and immigration/asylum. Chapter 4 covers both the three types of etiological theories on homosexuality presented in the scientific literature and an historical overview of clinical attitudes toward homosexuality, from early modern theories (Karl Ulrichs, Krafft-Ebing, and Freud) to the present day, reporting on some adverse side effects of sexual conversion treatment that have been either overlooked or ignored in the reparative therapy literature and raising important clinical and ethical concerns. Chapter 5 examines the public and professional evolution of thinking toward U.S. African race and toward sexual orientation with regard to the reevaluation of the psychiatric diagnosis and treatment of gender identity disorder. Among other topics, the author presents a fascinating discussion of differences between sexual orientation and gender (e.g., anatomical, social, hormonal, psychological, legal, or political), and distinctions between transgenderism and homosexuality, including an illuminating case example. Thought-provoking and informative, this compact volume will be welcomed by residents, clinicians, and students alike as they continue to look for ways to better differentiate health from pathology and successfully treat these remarkably diverse individuals.

Sexualities in Health and Social Care

The Fifth Volume in the annual series Psychological Perspective on Lesbian and Gay Issues is devoted to providing a basic collection of resources for educators, practitioners and researchers in Lesbian/Gay Bisexual and Transgendered Psychology. The volume and the series are sponsored by Division 44 of the American Psychological Association. Academic psychologists have been challenged to make psychology curricula more inclusive. Program changes involve revising undergraduate and graduate course material and content to represent the full spectrum of sexual orientation identity, development and life dilemmas. Similarly, trainers and educators responsible for training in related mental health disciplines, mental health agencies and other venues that deliver psychological services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, And Transgendered Psychology individuals have been appropriately challenged to make training competent practitioners a priority. Many practitioners who have had no training in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, And Transgendered Psychology find themselves confronted with clients that they feel ill equipped to address. They often have the desire to develop clinical competencies in this area, but don't know where to begin. This volume is intended to serve as a basic resource with information on salient lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered psychology issues and to provide the reader with a range of references and other resources to explore key identity, development, and other subjects.

Community Health Nursing

Historically, mental health clinical research has taken inadequate account of psychosocial disorders experienced by those who identify as sexual and gender minorities, however, researchers have recently begun developing and adapting evidence-based mental health treatment approaches for use with these groups. Handbook of Evidence-Based Mental Health Practice with Sexual and Gender Minorities offers a comprehensive array of evidence-based approaches for treating sexual and gender minority clients' mental health concerns. The interventions detailed here span a diverse spectrum of populations, including sexual and gender minority youth, transgender populations, same-sex couples, sexual minority parents, and bisexual individuals. Chapters also address numerous mental and behavioral health problems, including anxiety disorders, depression, substance abuse, trauma, body image disturbance, and sexual health. In addition to an overview of the research evidence supporting each clinical presentation and approach, chapters contain practical how-to guidance for therapists to use in their clinical practice. This book reflects a true integration of the best of sexual and gender minority research and the best of evidence-based practice research, presented by the leading experts in the field. As such it is essential reading for mental health professionals who work with these groups, as well as trainees in social work, counseling, and clinical psychology.

Mental Health Issues in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Communities

This pathbreaking volume brings together a diverse body of sexual, behavioral, and social science research on bisexuality. Arguing for a clear, evidence-based definition of bisexuality and standardized measures for assessing sexual orientation, it spotlights challenges that need to be addressed toward attaining these goals. The book's deep trove of findings illuminates the experiences of bisexual men and women in key aspects of life, as well as common mental health issues in the face of stigma, prejudice, and outright denial from the heterosexual and homosexual communities. Throughout, contributors examine the paradoxical invisibility of bisexuality even as society and science have become more inclusive of lesbians and gay men, and emphasize the critical role of thoughtful, respectful support across societal and mental health domains. Among the topics covered: Defining bisexuality: challenges and importance of and toward a unifying definition. Plurisexual identity labels and the marking of bisexual desire. Binegativity: attitudes toward and stereotypes about bisexuals. Female bisexuality: identity, fluidity, and cultural expectations. Romantic and sexual relationship experiences among bisexual individuals. Bisexuality is a substantial reference for psychologists, scholars and graduate students in LGBTQIA+ studies, and clinicians seeking both theoretical and applied perspectives on the research into bisexuality. It also offers instructors a supplemental research-based textbook option for teaching courses related to sexuality and bisexuality.

Education, Research, and Practice in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Psychology

This book covers the scope of current knowledge of cancer in the LGBT community across the entire cancer continuum, from understanding risk and prevention strategies in LGBT groups, across issues of diagnosis and treatment of LGBT patients, to unique aspects of survivorship and death and dying in these communities. Each chapter includes an in depth analysis of the state of the science, discusses the many remaining challenges and unanswered questions and makes recommendations for research, policy and programmatic strategies required to address these. Focus is also placed on the diversity of the LGBT communities. Issues that are unique to cancer in LGBT populations are addressed including the social, economic and cultural factors that affect cancer risk behaviors, barriers to screening, utilization of health care services, and legislation that directly impacts the health care of LGBT patients, healthcare settings that are heterosexist and unique aspects of patient-provider relationships such as disclosure of sexual orientation and the need for inclusion of expanded definition of family to include families of choice. The implications of policy change, its impact on healthcare for LGBT patients are highlighted, as are the remaining challenges that need to be addressed. A roadmap for LGBT cancer prevention, detection, diagnosis, survivorship, including treatment and end of life care is offered for future researchers, policy makers, advocates and health care providers.

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