The American Psychological Association, National Institute of Health, and the National Institute of Mental Health have strongly advocated for the integration of psychology and primary care, as the new, cutting-edge approach to health care delivery. To address this need for integration, this seminal text provides thorough descriptions of common psychological and medical problems that arise in primary care, and identifies cognitive-behavioral techniques to overcome these barriers.

Issues discussed include ethical dilemmas and nonadherence, as well as the treatment of behavioral and medical problems such as smoking, overeating, suicide risk, hypertension, asthma, diabetes, chronic pain, and more. The book also elucidates the roles and functions of the cognitive-behavioral clinician in the primary care setting, offering guidance on issues such as how to mentally prepare patients for stressful medical procedures, provide patient-centered care, enhance cultural competence, and more.