This handbook provides practical and evidence-based guidelines for evaluating, treating, and managing patients with substance abuse problems.

The opening chapters provide an overview of key clinical issues, strategies for interviewing, screening, confronting, and motivating patients, and various treatment modalities. A major portion of the book focuses on diagnosis, medical complications, and treatment of specific drug addictions. Chapters on smoking and prescription drug abuse are also included. Other chapters discuss medical care for the addicted patient, psychiatric illness and addiction, and substance abuse in special populations.