Malingering and Illness Deception

This book considers issues of detection, prevalence, differential diagnosis and some of the related psycho-social processes involved in malingering.

Malingering is a form of illness deception commonly defined as the 'wilful, intentional attempt to simulate or exaggerate illness in the pursuit of a consciously desired end.' It has medical, legal and social implications and is of significant concern to those working in welfare systems and medical insurance agencies.

Features:
* Addresses the problem from medical, social and legal perspectives
* Provides a comprehensive academic review covering detection, prevalence, differential diagnosis and related psycho-social processes
* Presents a timely review of the conceptual boundaries between medicine and deception