The text covers all aspects of Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID) in children and its effects on their families as well as on them.

The book opens with an introductory background on children with SCID and their families. It discusses the effects of early hospitalization on children; the effects of isolation and bone marrow transplantation; stressors and coping mechanisms and children’s perceptions of illness and death. It goes into the psychosocial effects on the child, including anger, aggression, depression, and antisocial behavior and finally discusses SCID's psychosocial effects on families and PTSD in both the child and the family.