

TREATING DEMENTIA IN CONTEXT



A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE
TO WORKING WITH
INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

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Treating Dementia in Context: A Step-by-Step Guide to Working with Individuals and Families



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Dementia is a life-altering diagnosis for sufferers and loved-ones alike. Given the uniquely personal nature of dementia symptoms, treatment could be a supremely demanding experience, even for seasoned health care experts. The progressive disease causes cognitive, emotional, and behavioral changes that may frustrate the efforts of even the most devoted caregivers. Their evidence-centered contextual style of dementia care lays out wide intervention strategies, and encourages visitors to use their very own creativity and inner resources to develop appropriate solutions for each unique situation and individual. In this publication, authors Susan McCurry and Claudia Drossel present a apparent and useful blueprint for psychologists, doctors, nurses, social employees, and other healthcare professionals who work with dementia patients and their own families. The chapters present a rich variety of vignettes that illustrate common quality-of-life issues in dementia patients, including medical co-morbidities, affected person/caregiver romantic relationships, caregiver burnout, and interactions with health care experts. Throughout, the authors combine a thorough understanding of the literature with their very own extensive clinical encounter in advocating a compassionate and open-minded stance that respects the individuality, choices, and dignity of dementia sufferers. Healthcare professionals at all levels of experience, from outpatient to assisted living to residential care settings, will find *Dealing with Dementia in Context* an inspirational resource for clinical practice.



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