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For the first time, every measure available for psychiatric assessment has been gathered together in one volume! From the American Psychiatric Association, The Handbook of Psychiatric Measures is now available. The Handbook evaluates over 230 tests and scales commonly used in clinical settings. Each measure is evaluated for its components, reliability, validity, and utility, including its strengths and weaknesses.

While psychiatrists and other mental health clinicians are the primary audience for the Handbook, the book is also written for policymakers and planners. Whether clinician, researcher, or policymaker, the Handbook is a valuable reference source for anyone interested in how mental health conditions are measured.

Three of the 32 chapters discuss tests and scales used specifically for the assessment of children and adolescents. They are: Chapter 17, "Child and adolescent measures for diagnosis and screening;" Chapter 18, "Symptom-specific measures for disorders usually first diagnosed in infancy, childhood, or adolescence," and; Chapter 19, "Child and adolescent measures of functional status." Measures appropriate for children and adolescents but addressed elsewhere in the Handbook are indexed as well. Thus, the clinician considering assessment of a child or adolescent may be directed to as many as 13 additional chapters throughout the Handbook.

A CD-ROM is included with the Handbook that includes complete copies of 108 measures. The CD-ROM also includes the complete, unabridged text of the Handbook of Psychiatric Measures, in fully searchable form. The electronic version contains links and cross-references, including links from the text of the handbook to the actual measures being discussed.

A description of the handbook from the website of the American Psychiatric Press along with ordering information can be found at their website, <http://www.appi.org> Just click on the link to "Millenium Package."

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