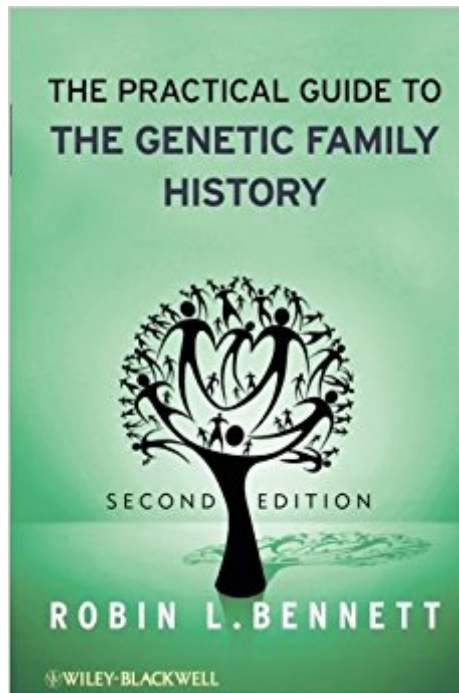




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The Practical Guide To The Genetic Family History



Synopsis

Helps you develop and assess pedigrees to make diagnoses, evaluate risk, and counsel patients

The Second Edition of *The Practical Guide to the Genetic Family History* not only shows how to take a medical-family history and record a pedigree, but also explains why each bit of information gathered is important. It provides essential support in diagnosing conditions with a genetic component. Moreover, it aids in recommending genetic testing, referring patients for genetic counseling, determining patterns of inheritance, calculating risk of disease, making decisions for medical management and surveillance, and informing and educating patients. Based on the author's twenty-five years as a genetic counselor, the book also helps readers deal with the psychological, social, cultural, and ethical problems that arise in gathering a medical-family history and sharing findings with patients. Featuring a new Foreword by Arno Motulsky, widely recognized as the founder of medical genetics, and completely updated to reflect the most recent findings in genetic medicine, this Second Edition presents the latest information and methods for preparing and assessing a pedigree, including:

- Value and utility of a thorough medical-family history
- Directed questions to ask when developing a medical-family history for specific disease conditions
- Use of pedigrees to identify individuals with an increased susceptibility to cancer
- Verification of family medical information
- Special considerations when adoptions or gamete donors are involved
- Ethical issues that may arise in recording a pedigree

Throughout the book, clinical examples based on hypothetical families illustrate key concepts, helping readers understand how real issues present themselves and how they can be resolved. This book will enable all healthcare providers, including physicians, nurses, medical social workers, and physician assistants, as well as genetic counselors, to take full advantage of the pedigree as a primary tool for making a genetic risk assessment and providing counseling for patients and their families.

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"In conclusion, this book is an invaluable resource which will enable clinical geneticists, counsellors, primary care and specialist physicians, as well as nurses, medical social workers, and physician assistants to take full advantage of the information and strategies provided. This will enable them to prepare and establish a family pedigree as a primary tool for making a genetic risk assessment and providing counselling for patients and their families." (Sultan Qaboos University Medical Journal, December 2010)

The Practical Guide to The Genetic Family History Robin L. Bennett Compiling the most recent genetic developments in medical specialties, The Practical Guide to the Genetic Family History is a valuable resource which outlines the proper methods for taking and recording a patient's family medical history, allowing primary care physicians to be more efficient in diagnosing conditions with potential genetic components. With genetic screening forms, an overview of directed questions, pedigree nomenclature, and outlining common approaches used, genetic counselor Robin L. Bennett provides readers with the basic foundation in human genetics necessary to recognize inherited disorders and familial disease susceptibility in patients. As the only guide which is geared for the physician in this field, The Practical Guide to the Genetic Family History includes remarks by renowned medical geneticist Arno Motulsky, as well as information on structuring an accurate pedigree and its components, including: Using a pedigree to identify individuals with an increased susceptibility to cancer Family history, adoption, and their challenges The connection between the pedigree and assisted reproductive technologies Making referrals for genetic services Neurological and neuromuscular conditions Tables covering hearing loss, mental retardation, dementia, and seizures Five case studies of genetics in practice An essential reference for genetics clinics, medical geneticists, and counselors, The Practical Guide to the Genetic Family History is also an invaluable aid for both primary care and specialist physicians who need an up-to-date reference that emphasizes both the science and art of modern clinical genetics. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book is an excellent and thorough reference on the topic of the genetic family history. It is well-organized with a comprehensive index and references. It was not intended to be, and is not, a primer on all genetics disorders (see review above). I would recommend this book to all health care professionals wishing to increase their knowledge of genetics and the importance of the family history as a medical tool.

I am a clinical medical geneticist. I find that this book delivers far more than the title promises. I found it an excellent resource and recommend it for trainees and those in non-genetics practices often. I look forward to a new edition soon.

this book is out of date and does not reference autoimmune diseases in relation to rheumatologic disorders such as lupus and leaves out any family genetics in hispanic disorders.

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