This volume’s 25 chapters identify the elements of effective therapy relationships and methods of customizing psychotherapy to each patient.

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