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# The First Interview, Fourth Edition



## Synopsis

This trusted practitioner resource and course text is grounded in James Morrison's experience with more than 15,000 mental health patients. Morrison provides a complete framework for interviewing adult patients about their current symptoms, personal and family history, mental status, behavioral risks, and other relevant issues. He offers guidance for selecting the best strategy for any clinical situation, building rapport, overcoming common challenges, and communicating findings.

Appendices include a detailed semistructured interview and a self-assessment tool for interviewers, both with permission to photocopy. Purchasers also get access to a Web page where they can download and print the reproducible materials in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size. New to This Edition

\*Revised throughout for DSM-5. \*Updated resources and suggested readings.

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Very practical information. It covers the need-to-know information in a way that is comprehensive enough and readable. Would definitely recommend for new practitioners and for Professors teaching clinical interviewing and differential diagnosis.

Very well written with many suggestions and examples of how to best manage an initial interview from start to finish. The author explains the reasons why the methods outlined in this book have been tested and revised when necessary. There are occasions when the author explains a few reasons why some of these methods may not always work and offers suggestions for potential

roadblocks when needed. I highly recommend this book to new professionals for direction with the interview process.

This is an easy read and really gets you thinking about what questions to ask when assessing new clients.

I have and will maintain this well written book for on going reference and refresher from what I was taught 20 + years ago in grad school.thank you for providing a book with powerful techniques for Interviews.!

Strategic guide for new licensed therapists.

Good, basic textbook on interview skills.

Great information. Particularly useful to new clinicians, but has value for long time practitioners as well.

Easy read and very informative for training therapists! Bought it for a class, but will be reading it more than once on my own.

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