

The Developmental Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment in Couples Therapy

A Comprehensive Guide for Clinicians

The developmental approach to couples therapy is a theory-based approach that views relationships as evolving through a series of stages. Each stage has its own unique challenges and opportunities, and therapists who understand the developmental process can help couples navigate these stages more successfully.



In Quest of the Mythical Mate: A Developmental Approach To Diagnosis And Treatment In Couples

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The book is divided into four parts:

1. **Part 1: The Developmental Framework**
2. **Part 2: Diagnosis and Assessment**
3. **Part 3: Treatment Planning and Intervention**
4. **Part 4: Special Topics in Couples Therapy**

Part 1 provides an overview of the developmental approach to couples therapy. The authors discuss the key concepts of the approach, including the stages of relationship development, the tasks of each stage, and the challenges that couples face at each stage.

Part 2 focuses on diagnosis and assessment in couples therapy. The authors provide a detailed overview of the different assessment tools that can be used to assess couples' relationships, and they discuss how to use these tools to make an accurate diagnosis.

Part 3 focuses on treatment planning and intervention in couples therapy. The authors provide a step-by-step guide to developing a treatment plan for couples, and they discuss the different types of interventions that can be used to help couples achieve their goals.

Part 4 focuses on special topics in couples therapy. The authors discuss a variety of topics that are relevant to couples therapy, including infidelity, communication, and sexuality.

This book is an essential resource for clinicians who work with couples. The authors provide a clear and concise framework for understanding the

developmental process of relationships, and they offer specific strategies for helping couples move through these stages successfully.

About the Authors

Dr. John Gottman is a world-renowned expert on relationships and marriage. He is the author of over 40 books on the subject, including the best-selling *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*. Dr. Gottman is the founder and director of The Gottman Institute, a research and training organization dedicated to helping couples build strong and lasting relationships.

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Reviews

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