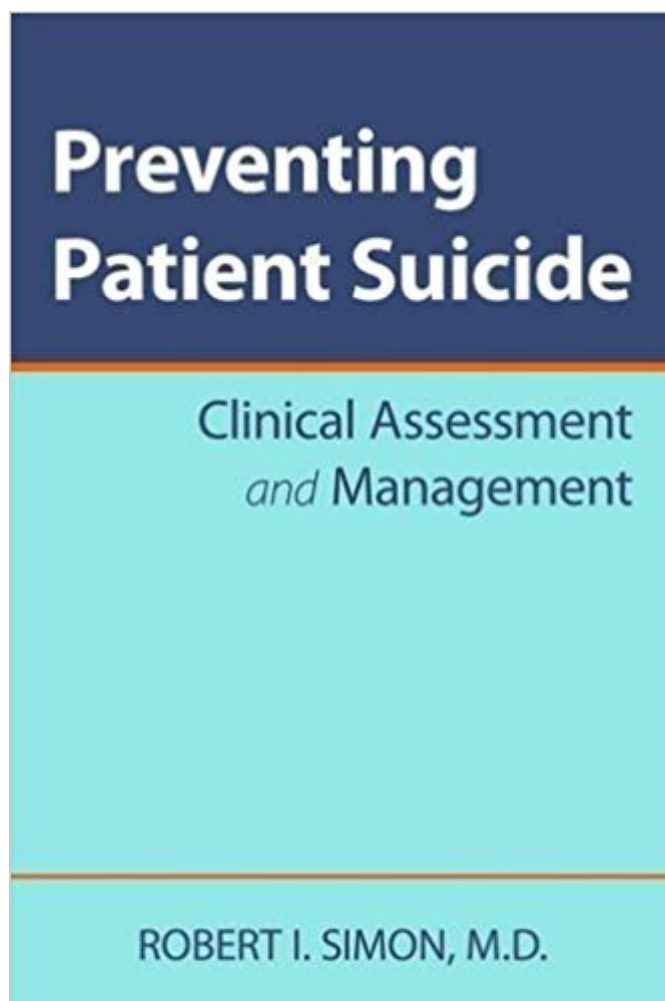


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# Preventing Patient Suicide: Clinical Assessment And Management



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The writing is good, but the theories behind it are weird. I would stick with the treatment planning series.

Very practical book with hands on information in assessing patient suicide risk and guide to management. Excellent for both an inpatient and outpatient practice written by an expert in the field. I plan to share this book with my residents.

A must for people going into the mental health field. Very useful!

Well written with insightful background info, overview and criteria. Highly useful reference. Worthwhile as a tool for a lay-person; not too dry and technical .

On time. Brand new.

I had to read this for my graduate studies. It has a lot of good, practical information that is of vital importance to those working with clients. The writing, however, is rather disjointed. It's also one of the most repetitive books I've ever read. The author reuses almost entire paragraphs, almost exactly word-for-word in multiple chapters. He also does it within the same chapter. It turns what could have been a wonderful reference into a monotonous chore to read. This book could have easily been 1/3 to 1/2 as long if he didn't recycle so much material in every chapter.

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