Medical Conditions Associated with Suicide Risk
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With Medical Conditions Associated with Suicide Risk, Alan L. Berman, PhD and Maurizio Pompili, MD present a comprehensive summary of the most recent research surrounding the relationships between the most common and/or debilitating medical conditions and suicide risk. The text aims to provide essential information to medical and behavioral health providers as these professionals play a central role in the assessment, management, and prevention of suicide among the patients they treat.

The book eloquently describes the direct and indirect pathways between physical and mental illness and suicidality. Each chapter begins by providing a brief and useful description of each medical condition (e.g., Alzheimer’s, Huntington’s, Cancer, etc.) which orients the reader to disease-specific characteristics that may be salient when assessing suicide risk. The authors clearly delineate the potential relationships between each medical condition, mental illness, and suicide risk using the most current empirical data and rigorous research available, while highlighting the need for further investigation. While it is clear that suicide risk factors overlap across physical and psychiatric conditions, the authors were able to emphasize suicide risk indicators that may be unique to medical conditions such as treatment noncompliance in the case of cancer or HIV. Each chapter ends with further reading suggestions and caregiver recommendations which provide useful assessment and intervention information specific to each medical condition.

In addition to those listed above, the inclusion of such a diverse group of collaborators from around the world serves as another of the texts greatest strengths. The volume incorporates research findings from the United States and Europe which help to underline common themes. This volume provides a concise, accessible, and balanced update of the most recent research regarding suicidality among patients with medical conditions. Clinicians, researchers, and students will find that Medical
*Conditions Associated with Suicide Risk* provides a solid understanding of suicide risk factors in patients with medical conditions.