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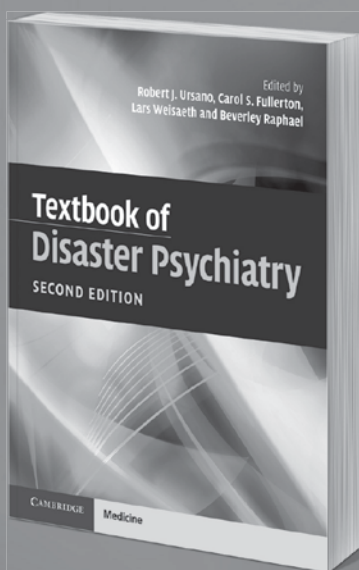
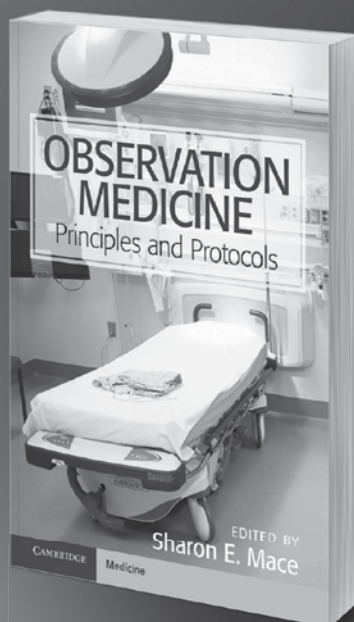
Principles and Protocols

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Using sample administrative and clinical protocols that any hospital can use, this book gives a detailed account of how to set up and run an observation unit and reviews all medical conditions in which observation medicine may be beneficial. In addition to clinical topics such as improving patient outcomes and avoiding readmissions, it also includes practical topics such as design, staffing, and daily operations; fiscal aspects, such as coding, billing, and reimbursement; regulatory concerns, such as aligning case management and utilization review with observation; nursing considerations; and more. The future of observation medicine, and how it can help solve the healthcare crisis from costs to access, is also discussed. Although based on US practices, this book is also applicable to an international audience, and contains instructions for implementing observation in any setting or locale and in any type of hospital or other appropriate facility.

- Contains clinical protocols for diseases/conditions that may be managed by observation medicine, which is an up-and-coming solution to the crisis of costs and access to emergency healthcare
- Contains administrative protocols and covers the financial and business aspects of running an observation unit
- Offers an international perspective, with practical methods for implementing observation medicine in any location and with any type of resources, staffing, and education



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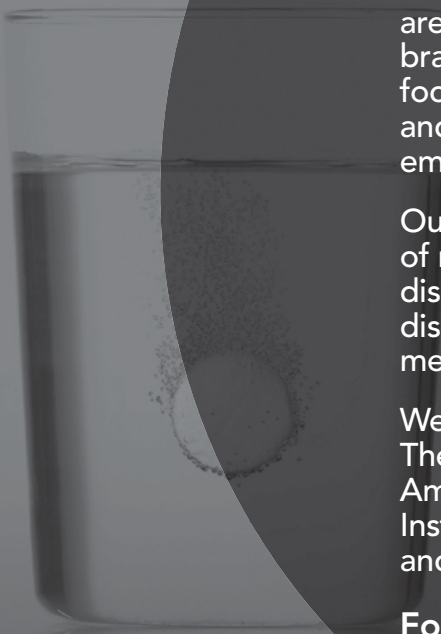
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