



Functional Respiratory Disorders: When Respiratory Symptoms Do Not Respond to Pulmonary Treatment (Mixed media product)

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Humana Press Inc., United States, 2012. Mixed media product. Book Condition: New. 1st ed. 2012. Corr. 2nd printing. 234 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Many patients with pulmonary complaints fail to improve despite physicians best efforts. Sometimes, we ascribe this failure to lack of adherence with therapy, or to the severity of the condition. What we often fail to appreciate, however, is that sometimes the lack of improvement can be explained by the patients psychological states. For example, some patients with genuine asthma can experience shortness of breath as a result of anxiety rather than from the physical exacerbation of their asthma. Treating this by ratcheting up asthma therapies is of little use, and can be harmful. Thus, the first section of this book will help clinicians recognize functional respiratory symptoms that can arise as a result of both organic and psychological causes. Another group of patients have respiratory complaints that many clinicians recognize as functional in nature, such as vocal cord dysfunction, habit cough, anxiety-related dyspnea, and stress-related chest pain. Further, treatment of patients with sleep disorders often involves addressing functional issues that complicate their management, e.g., learning to accept continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)...



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