Psychosocial Studies of the Individual's Changing Perspectives in Alzheimer's Disease

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Description:
Cognitive impairment, through Alzheimer's disease or other related forms of dementia, is a serious concern for afflicted individuals and their caregivers. Understanding patients' mental state and combatting social stigmas are important considerations in caring for cognitively impaired individuals.

Psychosocial Studies of the Individual's Changing Perspectives in Alzheimer's Disease describes programs and strategies that professional and family caregivers can implement to engage and improve the quality of life of persons suffering from cognitive impairment.

Readers:
This book is an important resource for caregivers, researchers, and families living with dementia.


Topics Covered:
- Awareness and Identity
- Cognitive Decline
- Identity Awareness
- Illness Narratives
- Living with Alzheimer's
- Meaningful Communication
- Mild Cognitive Impairment
- Neurocognitive Disorders

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