Cognitive–Behavioral Therapy for Refractory Cases

Turning Failure Into Success

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Cognitive–behavioral therapy (CBT) is effective in treating a wide range of psychological problems. Yet many clients whose symptom presentations significantly differ from textbook examples feel that their treatment has failed. *Cognitive–Behavioral Therapy for Refractory Cases: Turning Failure Into Success* expertly demonstrates how these standard intervention protocols can be appropriately modified to meet client needs.

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