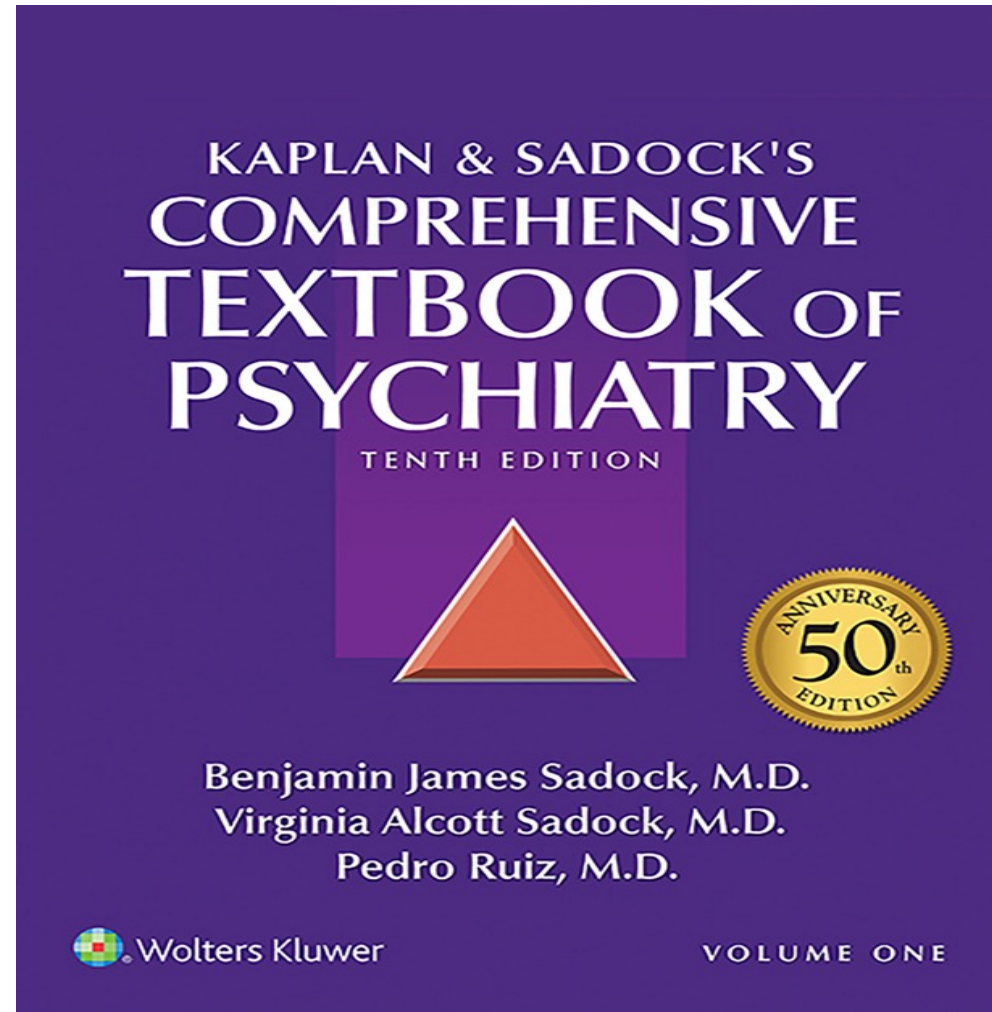


Alienation is accepted in the Psychiatric Community



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Psychological Abuse

Psychological abuse occurs when a person conveys to a child that he or she is worthless, flawed, unloved, unwanted, or endangered. The perpetrator may spurn, terrorize, ignore, isolate, or berate the child. Psychological abuse includes verbal assaults (e.g., belittling, screaming, making threats, blaming, or expressing sarcasm), exposing the child to domestic violence, overpressuring through excessively advanced expectations, and encouraging or instructing the child to engage in antisocial activities. (p. 3829)

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**The severity of psychological abuse depends on (1) whether the perpetrator intends to inflict harm on the child and (2) whether the abusive behaviors are likely to cause harm to the child. activities.
(P. 3829)**

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In contentious divorces, one of the parents may indoctrinate the child to fear or dislike the other parent, thus causing **parental alienation between the child and the rejected parent. Depending on the circumstances, parental alienation may be identified by one or more of these DSM-5 terms: **child psychological abuse**, **parent-child relational problem**, or **child affected by parental relationship distress**. (P. 3829)**