

# The Biobehavioral Approach to Health: Sixth Edition - A Comprehensive Guide



Here are ways in which some key body systems react:

#### 1 NERVOUS SYSTEM

When stressed — physically or psychologically — the body's energy shifts its energy resources to fighting off the perceived threat. In what is known as the "fight or flight" response, the sympathetic nervous system signals the adrenal glands to release adrenaline and cortisol. These hormones make the heart beat faster, raise blood pressure, change the digestive system, and boost glucose levels in the bloodstream. Over time, however, body systems usually return to normal.

#### 2 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

Under stress, muscles tense up. The potential for extended periods can trigger tension headaches, migraines and various musculoskeletal conditions.

#### 3 RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Stress can make you breathe harder and cause rapid breathing — or hyperventilation — which can bring on panic attacks in some people.

#### 4 CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

Acute stress — stress that is momentary, such as being stuck in traffic — causes an increase in heart rate and stronger contractions of the heart muscle. Blood vessels that direct blood to the large muscles and to the heart are, increasing the amount of blood pumped to these areas of the body. Repeated episodes of acute stress can cause inflammation in the coronary arteries, thus all leading to heart attack.

#### 5 ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

##### Adrenal glands

When the body is stressed, the brain sends signals from the hypothalamus, causing the adrenal cortex to produce cortisol and the adrenal medulla to produce epinephrine — sometimes called the "stress hormones."

##### Liver

When cortisol and epinephrine are released, the liver produces more glucose a blood sugar that would give you the energy for "fight or flight" in an emergency.

#### 6 GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM

##### Esophagus

Stress may prompt you to eat much more or much less than you usually do. If you eat more or different foods, or increase your use of tobacco or alcohol, you may experience heartburn, or acid reflux.

##### Stomach

Your stomach can react with "butterflies" or even nausea or pain. You may vomit if the stress is more intense.

##### Intestine

Stress can affect digestion, so which nutrients your intestines absorb. It can also affect how quickly food moves through your body. You may find that you have either diarrhea or constipation.

#### 7 REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

Excess amounts of cortisol, produced under stress, can affect the normal functioning of the reproductive system. Chronic stress can impact testosterone and sperm production and cause impotence.

In women, stress can cause abnormal or irregular menstrual cycles or more painful periods. It can also reduce sexual desire.





## The Benefits of Environmental Health

It's not only important to strive for optimal environmental health, it's also beneficial, both for individuals and for their surrounding communities. Some of the benefits are:



Cleaner air  
quality



Cleaner  
water



Reduced  
hazardous  
waste



Increased access  
to healthy foods



Safe outdoor  
environments  
for adults and  
children



Improved  
population  
health



Improved health equity

# 10 Common Chronic Conditions for Adults 65+

## QUICK FACTS



Hypertension  
(High Blood Pressure)  
58%



High Cholesterol  
47%



Arthritis  
31%



Ischemic/Coronary Heart Disease  
29%



Diabetes  
27%



Chronic Kidney Disease  
18%



Heart Failure  
14%



Depression  
14%

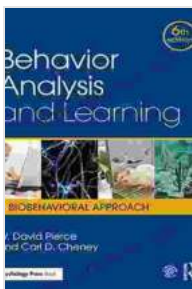
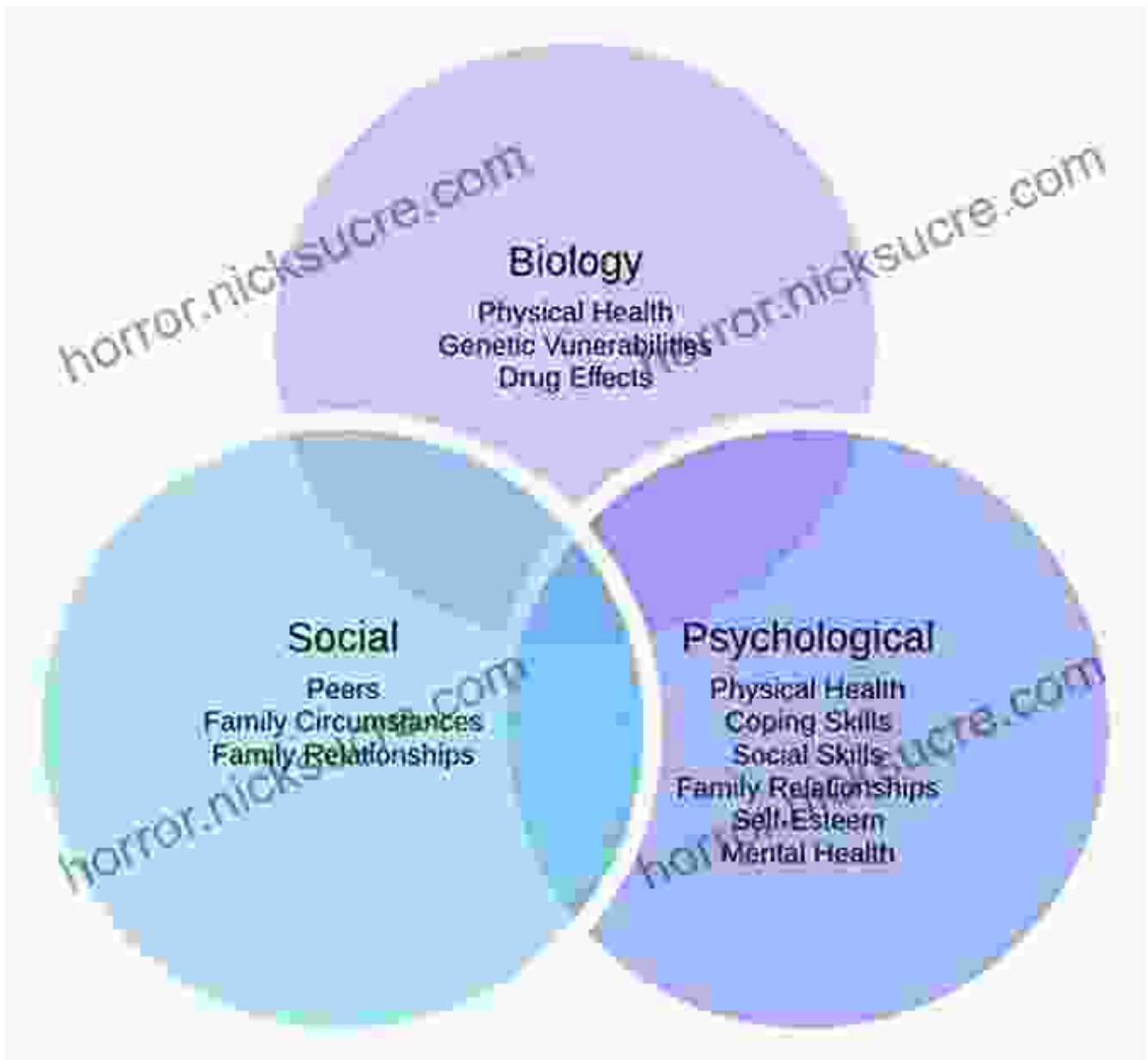


Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia  
11%



Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
11%

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2013



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### **Biology, Behavior, and Health**

The book delves into the biological underpinnings of health, including genetic influences, neuroendocrine systems, and immune function. It also examines how behavior, such as stress management, physical activity, and nutrition, can influence health outcomes. By understanding the reciprocal relationship between biology and behavior, individuals can make informed choices to optimize their health.

### **Stress and Health**

Stress is a significant factor in both physical and mental health. The book explores the physiological and psychological responses to stress and discusses effective coping mechanisms. It provides evidence-based strategies for managing stress, such as relaxation techniques, mindfulness, and social support. By learning to manage stress effectively, individuals can mitigate its negative impact on their health.

### **Lifestyle Choices**

Lifestyle choices play a crucial role in health and disease prevention. The book covers various lifestyle factors, including exercise, nutrition, sleep, and substance use. It emphasizes the importance of adopting healthy

habits to maintain optimal health and reduce the risk of chronic diseases. By making informed choices about their lifestyle, individuals can positively impact their well-being.

## **Environmental Influences**

Environmental factors, both physical and social, can significantly influence health outcomes. The book examines air pollution, access to healthcare, social support networks, and cultural factors as determinants of health. It highlights the need for addressing environmental inequities to promote health equity. By understanding the impact of the environment on health, individuals and policymakers can work towards creating healthier communities.

## **Chronic Disease**

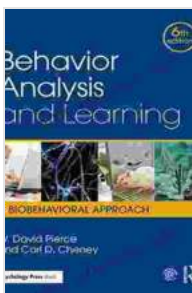
Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes, are a leading cause of morbidity and mortality. The book discusses the complex interplay of biological, behavioral, and environmental factors in the development and management of chronic diseases. It provides evidence-based recommendations for preventing, managing, and coping with chronic health conditions.

## **The Biopsychosocial Model**

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biopsychosocial approach, healthcare professionals can deliver more holistic and effective care to their patients.

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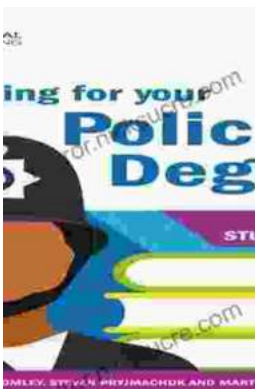


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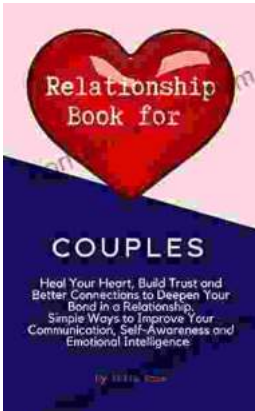
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