Empathy in Health Professions Education and Patient Care

- **About this book**
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• Reviews

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“Dr Hojat has provided, in this new addition, a definitive resource for the evolving area of empathy research and education. For those engaged in medical student or resident education and especially for those dedicated to efforts to improve the patient experience, this book is a treasure trove of primary work in the field of empathy.” (Leonard H. Calabrese, D.O., Professor of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic Lerner, College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University, RJ Fasenmyer Chair of Clinical Immunology, Theodore F Classen D.O., Chair of Osteopathic Research and Education, Vice Chairman, Department of Rheumatic and Immunologic Diseases, Cleveland, Ohio)

“The latest edition of Empathy in Patient Care grounds the clinical art of empathic caring in the newly recognized contributions of brain imagery and social cognitive neuroscience. Furthermore, it updates the accumulating empirical evidence for the clinical effects of empathy that has been facilitated by the widespread use of the Jefferson Scale of Empathy, a generative contribution to clinical research by this book’s author. In addition, the Book is so coherently structured that each chapter contributes to an overall understanding of empathy, while also covering its subject so well that it could stand alone. This makes Empathy in Patient Care an excellent choice for clinicians, students, educators and researchers.” (Herbert Alder, M.D., Ph.D. Clinical
Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Pennsylvania)

“It is my firm belief that empathy as defined and assessed by Dr. Hojat in his seminal book has far reaching implications for other areas of human interaction including business, management, government, economics, and international relations. I only hope that Dr. Hojat or some of his students will find the necessary time and resources to explore the implications and applications of empathy to these wider areas of human endeavor.” (Amir H. Mehryar, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor of Behavioral Sciences and Population Studies, Institute for Research and Training in Management and Planning, Tehran, Iran)