

UTILIZATION OF GENOGRAMS FOR BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL EVALUATIONS

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Genograms are essential tools for conducting assessments on patients by providing a multi-generational perspective of an individual's family and communal network. They illustrate relationship dynamics, identify reoccurring tendencies, and provide an insight on developmental agencies. Individuals are complex social beings, and therefore, need to be evaluated in regards to a wider social context. Since biopsychosocial examinations evaluate individuals according to biological, psychological, and social factors, genograms are fundamental resources that display relevant conditions and connections through which the core of a person can be analyzed.