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Case Study, Mohr

Chapter 38, Homeless Clients

In completing the case study, students will be addressing the following learning

objectives:

Discuss factors that contribute to homelessness in people with mental illness.

Discuss barriers that prevent homeless people with mental illness from receiving care

measures to promote access.

1. Kevin, a 39-year-old unemployed homeless male who has paranoid schizophrenia, was

brought to the psychiatric hospital by the police. Citizens called the police because

Kevin was in the street directing pedestrians and traffic in opposition to the traffic lights

and verbally abusing everyone who did not follow his directions. Kevin is known to the

police since he is often homeless, and states that his family does not want him. Kevin

also has a history of poly substance abuse with alcohol, heroin, and crack cocaine, and he

has been jailed for public intoxication several times. The nursing assessment reveals that

Kevin has not been taking his prescribed psychotropic medications for 3 weeks. Kevin

states that he does not have any money, and he does not remember where to go for mental

health care.

(Learning Objectives: 2)

a. What are the major factors that contribute to Kevin’s frequent homelessness?

b. What barriers does Kevin face in the receiving treatment? How can these

barriers be addressed?