

## **FAMILY PRACTICE PHYSICIANS AND THERAPISTS A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO CO-PRACTICE**

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As Family Practice Physicians treat patients utilizing the biopsychosocial framework, collaboration with behavioral specialists is becoming increasingly called for and more common. This paper attempts to present views on the collaborative practice from both the clinical implementation and teaching perspectives. The rationale for collaborative practice is presented. Various forms of collaborative practice are addressed. The authors' experiences with collaborative practice in both the private practice and academic settings are shared. Finally, issues in teaching collaborative practice are discussed.

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