Psychiatry

Psychiatry is a field of medical specialization which deals with emotional disorders/problems as described in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – DSM-5*. The DSM-5 released in 2013 is a classification of the disorders/problems relate theoretically to clinical descriptions of behavior rather than specific etiologies. Nevertheless, in order to study, diagnose, treat, or prevent mental disorders/problems staff must have an awareness of possible precipitating etiologies. These include organic processes and/or functional disorders related to psychosocial stressors. Many psychiatric disorders/problems involve faulty interpersonal relationships with significant others (parents, siblings, spouse, children, close friends, and etc.). For this reason, therapeutic intervention by the Mental Health team must address these problems which often require a systems approach involving those significant others.