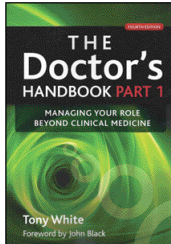


Book review

The Doctor's Handbook. Part 1: Managing Your Role Beyond Clinical Medicine

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This book, written by Dr Tony White, is intended primarily for clinicians working in the NHS in the UK, but I believe it is a useful resource for any clinician.

The following topics are succinctly covered in seven chapters, entitled:

- Exploring your approach to working and learning
- Teaching, training, appraisal, assessment and revalidation
- Effective interpersonal communication skills
- Managing day to day issues
- Effective written communication
- Nonclinical involvement with patients
- Research.

Many of these topics are not discussed fully in the undergraduate medical degree, but once in practice it becomes important to have effective communication with staff, other medical professionals and patients. It is also important to be able to write clearly and effectively. This book provides helpful guidelines in many nonclinical situations that arise in day-to-day practice.

The index is easy to use and each chapter provides useful references relating to the topics discussed.

I find this book a useful addition to my library.

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Part 2 of this book, subtitled *Understanding the NHS*, is also available.