This handbook provides an easily navigable source of information about the day-to-day management of patients requiring palliative and hospice care. Succinct, evidence-based, topically focused content is supplemented by extensive tables and algorithms. The table of contents and balance of coverage follows the core curriculum of the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, thus meeting the educational and clinical information needs of students, residents, fellows, and nurse practitioners. An expert team of clinicians, led by world renowned Eduardo Bruera, address approach to care; psychosocial and spiritual issues; impending death; grief and bereavement; assessment and management of pain; management of non-pain symptoms such as nausea, dyspnea, depression, insomnia, and bleeding; communication and team work; and ethical and legal decision making.