
Authoritative yet easy to follow, this comprehensive text guides you through the nursing concepts and skills particularly vital for medical-surgical assessment, care, and treatment. Essential for both in-the-classroom and on-the-unit guidance, this is the expertise that all students, new nurses, and medical-surgical nurses need to grasp essential nursing concepts, care management, and procedures.

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  - Patient education
    - essential self-care, prevention, and health promotion information
  - Nursing assessments
    - important signs and symptoms and other clinical data to be on the alert for in all types of conditions
  - Body system terminology
    - how anatomy and physiology are affected by disease in each body system
  - Equipment use
    - utilizing technology for patient monitoring and therapy
  - Nursing process and practice
    - systematic use of the nursing process for assessment, planning, and intervention
  - Emergency nursing
    - emergent conditions
  - Psychiatric Nursing
    - mental health problems
  - Medical-surgical nursing
    - adult physical assessment, IV therapy, perioperative nursing, cancer nursing, and care of the older or disabled adult
  - Patient care by body system
    - functions, problems, disorders, and therapies described for the respiratory, cardiovascular, neurologic and sensory, gastrointestinal, renal, genitourinary, reproductive, metabolic, endocrine, hematologic, immunologic, musculoskeletal, and integumentary systems
  - Maternity and neonatal nursing
    - maternal and fetal health, nursing management during labor and delivery, care of mother and neonate in postpartum period, and complications of childbearing
  - Pediatric nursing
    - pediatric growth and development, physical assessment, primary care, treatment of pediatric disorders of all body systems, and developmental disabilities